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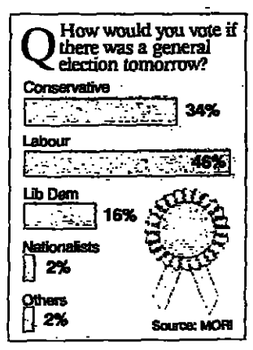
- Nearly half fear worsening economy
- Labour 12 points in the lead
- Unemployment and crime top issues

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GRIM evidence that people are becoming more pessimistic over the state of the economy emerged last night after the recession claimed another 7,000 jobs at two of Britain's leading companies.

John Major flew home from Washington to find that the hoped-for improvement in consumer confidence had gone into reverse and that a sharp fall in the government's popularity was putting under severe threat its majority in the first by-election test of this parliament.

A MORI survey for *The Times* today suggests that 80 per cent of people are unhappy with the way the government is running the country and that the prime minister's personal popularity is continuing to slide, even among Tory supporters. Almost two-thirds of those interviewed were dissatisfied with Mr Major, including 30 per cent of Conservative voters.



Labour's lead has stretched from eight points last month to 12, and the poll puts the party's support at 46 per cent, with the Conservatives at 34 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 16 per cent. Tory support among older voters, the party's traditional constituency, has fallen drastically.

If the current swing against the government were repeated at the impending Newbury by-election, its 12,357 majority would be imperilled — and if it lost, its Commons majority would be cut to 19. On today's figures, the Conservatives would be on 47 per cent, the Liberal Democrats 46 and Labour 6, but the Tory vote could be split by the emergence of an anti-Maastricht independent candidate.

For Mr Major, the most worrying aspect of the poll was its conclusion that people are refusing to believe constant assurances that the economic picture is brightening. Ministers have emphasised that consumer confidence is a prerequisite of economic recovery and there were signs before Christmas that optimism was improving. But today's survey shows that 43 per cent believe the economy will get worse in the next 12 months and only 22 per cent think it will improve. At the election, the general expectation was that the economy would improve.

Unemployment is far and away the issue that is most worrying people — with 81 per cent of those questioned citing it as their biggest concern — and the unemployed themselves are deeply pessimistic about any chance of recovery.

The findings emerged as ICI — often seen as a guide to the nation's industrial health — announced that 4,500 British employees would go by the end of 1995 and as British Gas said that 2,400 jobs would be lost over two years. But Mr Major insisted last night that Britain was moving out of recession and blamed its "painful kickback" for the fresh spate of losses.

Even so, the survey will increase pressure on Norman Lamont to produce a package of job measures in the Budget. Some of his cabinet colleagues felt the government should have unveiled positive proposals when the three million unemployment figure was passed last week.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said that with 20,000 jobs lost this week, Britain was shedding workers as rapidly as at any time during the recession. It was time Britain had government that would conquer unemployment, he said.

After unemployment, law and order was cited as the people's main worry, overtaking the economy and the health service. The poll, conducted in the wake of the killing of James Bulger in Liverpool, showed a doubling of concern since last month.

MORI interviewed 1,633 people between February 18 and 22.

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WASHINGTON MEETING IS HAILED A SUCCESS



Facing the press: Mr Major and Mr Clinton answering questions yesterday

TV takes premier to task

FROM PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major last night flew home from his 36-hour trip to Washington, claiming agreement with the Clinton administration on a wide range of trade and other international issues. However, to his visible irritation, the prime minister faced tough questioning on American television yesterday about his political difficulties at home and about Britain's social problems.

Mr Major was challenged about changes in the American public image of Britain, notably the James Bulger murder case, reports of rising crime, the problems of the monarchy as well as a possible shift against conservatism worldwide. These questions were never put to Margaret Thatcher on her trips to America.

The prime minister denied there was a turning of the tide and argued that some of the recent reports about Britain arose because the economy had been through a recession. He noted that there were similar reports about America some months ago but these had ended when the economy came out of recession. He defended the position of the royalty and said that violent crime in Britain was small by comparison to other countries, and, indeed, to levels in Washington itself.

However, in general, the trip was seen by the British side as a success, not only because of the warm welcome from Mr Clinton himself but also because of the reassurance received on a range of potentially difficult issues such as the completion of the Gatt round, the appointment of a peace envoy to Northern

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Downing Street remains upbeat despite huge job losses

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR, AND JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major, the prime minister, yesterday insisted that Britain is moving out of recession as job losses totalling 14,000 were announced in the armed forces and two key British industries.

The huge job losses at ICI, British Gas and in the army are likely to feed through in the coming months, pushinh unemployment figures them well beyond the 3 million total reached last week and towards a new historical peak for Britain.

The announcements of such large-scale jobs losses, which take the total announced since this wave began last September to more than 115,000, provoked furious responses and calls for action from the opposition, trade unions and even industrialists.

"After today's disastrous announcements there can be no further excuses for the government continuing to do nothing," said Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor.

Margaret Beckett, Labour deputy leader asked Tony Newton, Leader of the House: "How would you feel if you were serving in the British Army under fire in Bosnia and were handed a P45?"

Mr Newton, standing in for Mr Major at question time, said it would have been more unfair to leave soldiers in a state of uncertainty. However, he provoked MPs further by saying: "There is of course no question of anybody becoming actually redundant while they are in Bosnia." Eight army officers in Bosnia have been given a year's notice.

At the end of his visit to meet President Clinton, the prime minister maintained that Britain was moving out of recession into a totally different economic climate. He accepted that morale in Britain had been hit. "We are still getting the kickback from the recession in jobs and that is very painful indeed. What we are concerned about is getting people back to work."

Sir John Harvey-Jones, a former chairman of ICI, disagreed sharply with the prime minister. He said it was "debatable" whether Britain was coming out of recession, and that the nation had not yet seen the worst of its job losses. The main redundancies announced yesterday were:

- ICI. Britain's biggest exporter, and a manufacturer often seen as a bell-wether of British industry, announced 4,500 job losses in Britain after a fall in profits for 1992 from £789m to £565m.
- British Gas. Also announcing reduced profits of £1 billion, from £1.7 billion, British Gas said that 2,400 jobs will go over two years.
- Army. Almost 6,500 army personnel were declared redundant yesterday. They areserving in Northern Ireland as well as Bosnia.



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Top Tories 'ambush' Euro rebels

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

INCREASING evidence that ministers are losing control of the Maastricht treaty bill provoked bitter recriminations at Westminster last night as prominent government loyalists savaged Conservative Eurosceptics after it emerged that nearly 50 Tory MPs have slipped into the Maastricht rebel ranks.

Pro-Europeans in the party ambushed their opponents in a well-planned counterattack at the weekly meeting of the backbench 1922 committee. At a packed meeting of 130 MPs behind closed doors, a dozen senior Tories denounced the tactics of the rebels in their efforts to frustrate the government.

Later, however, unchastened rebels hit back strongly, saying that the ambush would prove counter-productive. One Eurosceptic said: "It was by no means spontaneous. It was a drumhead court-martial. There were several distinguished and slightly pompous speakers who have not been seen at the 1922 for many months."

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London ambulance chief quits

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

WHOLESALE resignations were demanded last night after a report into London's accident-prone ambulance service revealed a series of misjudgments and bungled decisions that reduced the service to chaos.

Jim Harris, the chairman of the London ambulance board, announced that he was stepping down as Labour, backed by the health service union Nupe, demanded the resignation of Tom Sackville, the junior health minister. It emerged that Mr Sackville, who has responsibility for the service, had written to MPs only days before the ambulance computer system collapsed last November, insisting that it was functioning correctly and blaming staff for its shortcomings.

Nupe called for the resignation of the 12 members of the London ambulance board, claiming that they had refused to listen to fears raised by staff, the public and MPs and that they had behaved disgracefully. The failure of the system, on October 26 and 27 and November 4 last year, left patients waiting up to two hours for emergency help and was blamed for more than 20 deaths. Long delays had become so common in the months before, however, that the service was regularly mocked on the *Spitting Image* television show.

In a stormy Commons question time Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, condemned the "catalogue of errors" that had led to the collapse of the system. Faced with opposition shouts of "resign", she said there had been "significant improvements in service standards" since last autumn, but admitted that ambulance response times were still well below those in other cities. She added that the South West Thames Regional Health Authority had been ordered to provide plans for strengthening lines of accountability within a month.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, said the enquiry report was a "damning indictment" of the service and accused ministers of complacency.

The report, published yesterday, said there were long-standing problems in the service that were badly misjudged by management. Attempts to revitalise the service were "too aggressive" and only worsened the "climate of mistrust and obstructiveness".

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Dexter ready to resign over ill-fated tour



Dexter: admitted to an error in selection

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TED Dexter, chairman of the England cricket committee, has said he is prepared to resign if enough delegates at the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) spring meeting next month consider that events surrounding the ill-fated Indian tour have made his position untenable.

Mr Dexter has for the first time conceded that a fundamental mistake was made in the selection of the party for the tour of India. Agitation is rife among the first-class counties, who make up the TCCB, over the selection of the team, its results and the image it has portrayed. Some county chairmen are as concerned by the projection of the players as whiners who are slovenly in their dress as by the 3-0 Test defeat.

Mr Dexter is aware of the showdown awaiting him. "I am employed by the counties," he said. "If they decide it is time for a new man, I will go. I don't think they would be asking me to resign, they would be telling me."

Mr Dexter said: "I think we made an error in the wicket-

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The Queen yesterday sent a private message of condolence to the family of Bobby Moore, the former England soccer captain, who died of cancer on Wednesday.

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Everyday story of the little folk

If Jonathan Swift were alive today, his favourite Commons interlude would be agriculture questions. Other subjects are clouded by the intervention of reason. Other subjects are confused by the flickering presence of good faith. Other subjects can be disturbed by truth.

But farm policy is untouched by reason, empty of sincerity and undismayed by fact. Shame does not inhibit it. Experience is not allowed to test it. Cost never troubles it.

European agriculture offers a stage for the free play of naked greed with phoney rationalisation; of piety with guile. It is an *Alice Through the Looking Glass* world in which ideas mean what farmers want them to mean and politicians stand logic on its head. For students of the parliamentary pantomime, the occasion parades the genre in its purest form.

Into this world, an innocent abroad, has wandered junior agriculture minister David Curry. He is about twice as honest as most agriculture ministers, five times as intelligent and ten times as thoughtful. But candour and intellect are no compass in this nightmare, and, like the little boy who can see the emperor has no clothes, Mr Curry has an air of baffled honesty. Has he missed the point?

He watched, bemused, yesterday, as Stephen Milligan (C, Eastleigh) burbled joyfully to Curry's boss, John Gummer, about "the opportunities afforded by set-aside to enhance the countryside". Set-aside is the way Tories give farmers what they refuse fishermen and miners: payment in exchange for staying in bed. On set-aside land "linnet, sedge-warbler and yellow wagtail" thrive. Gummer looked so glad about the birds you might have thought the objects of his charity were feathered and unenfranchised, rather than Wellington-booted and unionised.

And when Gummer assured bearded sedge-warbler Andrew Bennet (Lab) that he was considering a scheme to get trees growing, Curry will have marvelled at how the Almighty managed it for so long without subsidies.

Next, a succession of dwarfs was paraded before ministers. Usually it is small dairymen and small Welsh farmers. Yesterday we had small bakers and small grocers, upset by new regulations. Food minister Nicholas Soames was robust before the midget onslaught

Even the small slaughterers, a grisly tribe courted by Nigel Evans (C, Ribble Valley), failed to move him. Odd, Curry might think, how every argument of self-interest advances submarine-like behind a flotilla of small dinghies, all apparently sinking.

Only once did Mr Curry let his candour surface. Told by an MP that "the potato market has totally collapsed" (he meant the potato *price* has collapsed) the minister snapped that when markets collapse so do supplies: but there was no shortage of potatoes.

And only once did a backbencher speak his language. "If we really believe in free choice and competition," cried Philip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley), "we should let the British housewife buy the banana of her choice, at the cheapest possible price, for breakfast, lunch or dinner". It was as ringing a declaration of agricultural *laissez-faire* as the language of the shopping trolley permits. "*Hear, hear!*" shouted Oppenheim's farming colleagues. Safe ground. We don't grow bananas here. "Yet," smiled Curry to himself.

British officers helping UN aid mission are not spared in army cuts

Eight soldiers serving in Bosnia sacked

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT British army officers serving with the United Nations humanitarian aid force in Bosnia were made compulsorily redundant yesterday. They were among 97 officers and soldiers in Bosnia who are in the latest round of *Options for Change* redundancies.

A senior army officer has been sent to Bosnia to help the officers who were given the sack yesterday to come to terms with redundancy.

Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Bradbury will be seeing the eight officers, including three serving with the Cheshire Regiment, who were among 628 in the army handed compulsory redundancy notices yesterday in the second phase of the manpower cuts. The army is being reduced from 156,000 to 119,000 by 1995.

His remit will be to give resettlement advice to the 97 officers and soldiers in Bosnia. They were summoned before their commanding officer yesterday and told their army careers were over. All the 80 soldiers summoned and nine of the officers had volunteered to leave.

In other operational postings, such as Northern Ireland and the Falklands, resettlement officers have been in place for years. When Britain joined the UN humanitarian mission in Bosnia last November, the infantry battle group of 2,400 troops did not include staff trained in handling redundancies.

A total of 1,308 officers and 5,152 soldiers were involved in yesterday's redundancy round. All the soldiers and 680 officers were volunteers.

Colonel Bradbury will tell the men in Bosnia their rights and outline job application schemes available to redundant army personnel. A special service employment network has been set up to make it easier for companies to assess the potential of redundant servicemen. Neither Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the Cheshire Regiment, nor Brigadier Andrew Cumming, overall commander of the British troops in Bosnia and Croatia, were among the redundancies. Brigadier Cumming admitted the men made compulsorily redundant were "not happy" but they understood that the peace dividend meant a smaller army.

The compulsory redundancy notices to the eight officers in Bosnia was the most controversial aspect of yesterday's army cuts, with MPs denouncing the move. The ranks of the eight reflected the cuts across the board, focusing on lieutenant-colonels, majors and captains.

General Sir David Ramsbotham, adjutant general, said it had been impossible to exclude anyone from the redundancy process purely on grounds of where that person was serving. About 35,000 soldiers and officers were on operational duty at any one time around the world.

David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman, said: "This is a callous and insensitive act to send redundancy notices to soldiers serving under fire, and it smacks of mismanagement at the highest level."

Dr Clark called for government action to improve training and housing opportunities for those made redundant. Without immediate improvements to training many soldiers would end on the dole.

Soldiers and officers in Bosnia who volunteered to go are to be given leave of appeal to change their mind now that the Cheshire Regiment is not to be merged with the Staffordshire Regiment.

In Germany, 655 soldiers and 227 officers are to leave with 119 of the officers going compulsorily. In the Middle East and Far East, mostly in Hong Kong, 187 soldiers and 41 officers, 23 of them non-volunteers, were made redundant. In postings such as Belize and the Falklands, 40 soldiers and 60 officers were made redundant, with 40 of the officers receiving compulsory notices.

The special booklets given to all the soldier and officers as part of a redundancy assistance package give advice about stress. They were told that being made redundant was a "major life event" and could provoke shock causing numbness, anger after the truth had sunk in, depression leading to despair and finally acceptance.

To cushion the shock, the sacked officers were promised generous severance pay, which for a 28-year-old captain on £22,000 would entail a special tax-free capital payment of £32,824, a pension of £2,662 and a terminal grant of £7,986. A major, aged 46, on £32,000, would be given a capital payment of £47,364, a pension of £11,784 and a terminal grant of £35,352. A 48-year-old lieutenant-colonel on £38,000 would get £58,368, a £16,316 pension and £48,948. A sergeant, aged 30, would get nearly £19,000 as a capital payment, a pension of £3,080 and a terminal grant of £9,240.

Those who have volunteered to go will leave by October. Those made compulsorily redundant have a year's notice. For the men serving in Bosnia, the notice starts from May, when the Cheshires and other regiments are replaced.

□ Thirty-six army officers on tour in Northern Ireland were told by their senior officers yesterday that they are being made compulsorily redundant. Army headquarters at Lisburn said a total of 295 men and 50 officers out of the 17,800 currently in the province, are to lose their jobs.

Almost all are taking voluntary redundancy. The officers, who had not volunteered, were given no warning of the decision and are now on 12 months' notice.

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IRA kills two PCs in car bomb and sniper attacks

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A POLICEMAN accompanying an army patrol in fields near Crossmaglen in south Armagh was shot dead yesterday by an IRA sniper.

The killing came hours after an IRA booby trap bomb placed under a car killed an off-duty part-time policeman near Armagh. The explosion, late on Wednesday night, was witnessed by the dead man's girl friend who was driving behind him when the bomb went off. She rushed to his side as he lay dying but was unable to help him.

The Crossmaglen attack happened at about 12.30pm as Constable John Reid, 30, of Belfast, and a colleague were crossing a field near the village with an army patrol of the Royal Scots Regiment. The sniper killed his victim with a single shot in the chest before escaping.

Police and soldiers in the border regions are under new pressure to find the IRA rifle used, an American-made Barrett that fires half-inch rounds and has a killing range of up to 1,800 metres. It has been used twice before to kill, each time with a single shot.

Last August a soldier was shot in the centre of Crossmaglen and in November a policeman was hit in the head while he was on traffic duty in the village of Belcoo, co. Fermanagh.

Yesterday's attack is further evidence of a resurgence of the IRA around Crossmaglen, an area of twisting country roads that gained notoriety in the early 1970s for the number of deaths of soldiers and police caused by IRA snipers and booby traps.

In recent months, at least two members of the security forces have been killed near the village and there have been two attacks on the joint army and police barracks overlooking the main square.

The policeman who died in the car bombing was named as Reggie Williamson, a full-time reserve constable aged 46 who was divorced with two teenage children. He is the first victim of a car bomb in the province this year. The device went off as he drove home from a pub in the village of Moy, co. Armagh.

His girl friend, Jennifer Hill, said that she rushed to help him as soon as she realised what had happened. "He was lying there and I just took his head and just stroked him," she said.

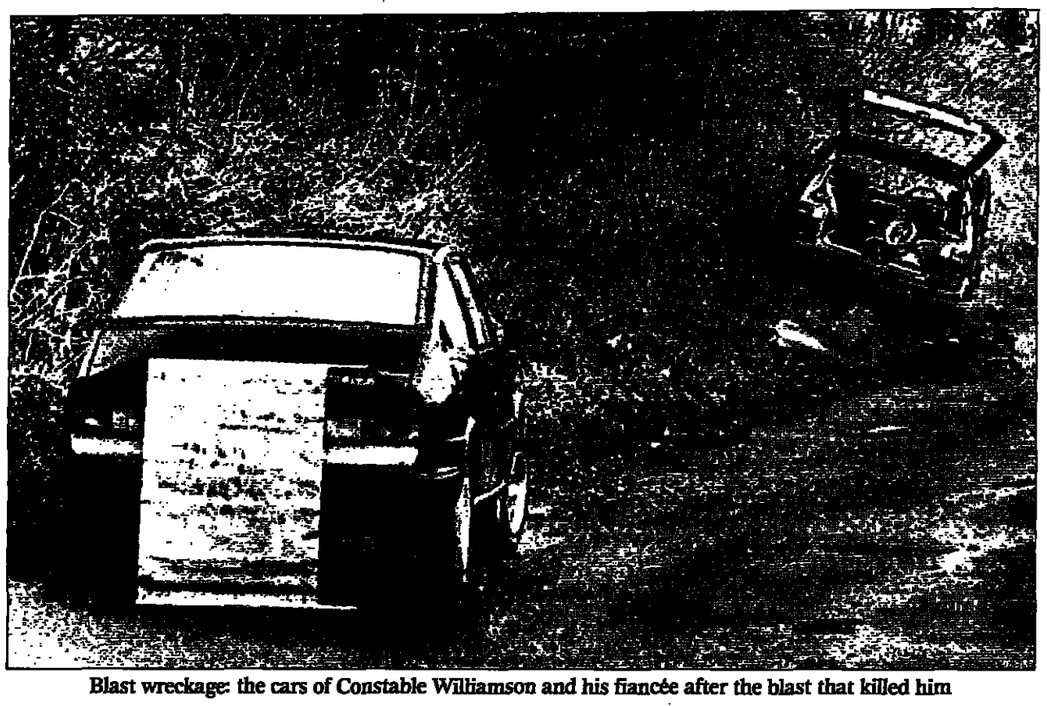
The fact that he was a Protestant and she a Roman Catholic was of no matter to either of them, she said. "He was so good — and now he's gone and I wish I'd gone with him."

She described his killers as animals. "What does this prove — killing Reggie — it doesn't prove anything. It just makes people hate more."

Miss Hill said that her boy friend had often discussed the danger he faced as a policeman and usually checked his car for explosives before getting into it. "He was normally very careful," she said. "This time he just wasn't careful enough."

Constable Williamson was the second member of his family to be killed in the Troubles. In 1982, his brother Freddie, a corporal in the Ulster Defence Regiment, died when his car crashed after he was attacked by members of the Irish National Liberation Army.

Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the RUC, said that the deaths of the two constables illustrated the continuing sacrifice of the RUC. "The RUC and the community has lost two good men. Their contribution to the well being of society is in stark contract to the actions of those evil people who kill and destroy and have nothing else to offer."



Blast wreckage: the cars of Constable Williamson and his fiancée after the blast that killed him



Engaged to be married: Reggie Williamson and Jennifer Hill

Major angry on TV

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Ireland and aid to Bosnia. Mr Major reciprocated the warm welcome he received from the president. He said the president was "very easy to do business with. He is clearly a man who thrives on detail as well as the broad picture".

Mr Major argued that too much had been made of the change from a Republican to a Democratic administration. If one looked across broad policy areas there was shared agreement on free trade, Yugoslavia, Iraq and the need to reinforce reform policies in Russia. The instincts and interests of Britain and America were "astonishingly similar".

Last night it was confirmed that President Clinton will meet President Yeltsin on April 4. America was determined to support the "cause of reform in Russia," Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said.

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Jobless executives lower their sights

■ The computer industry is the only source of vacancies for the many job hunters in the once-prosperous South of England

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

IN HORSHAM, West Sussex, the Jobcentre is not short of vacancies. Most are for sales or clerical staff, care attendants or caretakers. Few offer the jobs in demand as more and more of the 2,000 people who pass through its doors each week leave behind posts in insurance, banking or business services. Executive jobs are hard to come by in Horsham.

Employers are not short on imagination, however. Last week the Jobcentre received a vacancy for an accounts clerk who was to double as a cleaner. The job was filled swiftly.

The local papers tell a similar tale. Two years ago, the *West Sussex County Times*, covering the town and its environs, carried three pages or more of recruitment agency advertisements. Now it has little over 100 jobs, mostly secretarial and clerical or in telesales.

This week's issue offers, among others, a general office assistant post for an environmental services company at £10,000 a year and a part-time meals assistant at an old people's home.

The *Avon Advertiser*, which covers Andover and Salisbury, used to carry several pages of job advertisements a week. Now it struggles to make one, as once prosperous towns in the South overtake the former "rust-belt" cities of the North as unemployment blackspots.

It is the computer industry which, according to Manpower recruitment agency, is proving the biggest supplier of vacancies across the southern region, with software engineers and technicians still in demand.

"But when it comes to consultants, or any kind of management position, they are very thin on the ground," Stan Conquest, South East general manager, said.

Stone & Bender, based in Basingstoke, used to specialise in executive recruitment. Yesterday, many of the 37 positions on its books, down from more than a hundred a year ago, were in the computer industry, either for sales or technical staff. "We used to specialise but now, to be honest, we would take virtually anything," Steve Brogan, partner in the firm, said.

The company recently advertised for a supervisor at a Hampshire-based company and found that most of the replies came from people previously employed in positions significantly more senior.

"They can't afford to be choosy. Most find themselves going out on the road selling."

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Dexter is ready to resign

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keeping department," referring to the omission of Jack Russell. "We had no genuine all-rounder and to play a sixth batsman, we needed a wicketkeeper who could bat," he said. "We were consistent to that policy, but events have shown we might have been better with a specialist. Russell would probably have been the man."

The board meeting next month will also focus on the way in which England teams are chosen. I understand that there will be a number of nominations in opposition to Dennis Amiss in his annually renewable role as the fourth selector, though it is fatuous to believe that replacing the sound and diligent Amiss will rectify wrongs.

The powerful influence of the captain on selection, particularly in Graham Gooch's time in charge, will also be raised, with some counties even favouring the Australian system, whereby the captain is presented with his team without consultation. No such radical change is likely, and if it were, it would assuredly persuade Gooch to resign. As things stand, he has the stated support of his team manager, Keith Fletcher, and of Mr Dexter.

Mr Dexter will present a report on behalf of the England committee and, as is customary, could then be questioned on it. He can expect to be in the witness box a considerable time and be subjected to some pitiless probing.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hollick shuns Mirror meeting

Lord Hollick, the Labour peer and non-executive director of Mirror Group Newspapers, refused to attend a meeting of the group's board yesterday, held in an effort to end speculation about the future political stance of its three titles and to express confidence in David Montgomery as chief executive (Ian Murray writes).

Lord Hollick asked that any statement agreed by the ten other directors be read to him before it was issued. After hearing it, he insisted on inserting a sentence saying that he could not support their position "in full". He then left for a skiing holiday in Switzerland.

He is understood to have been happy with the statement "that there has never been any question, nor will there be, of a change in the policy of maintaining a left-of-centre stance by the newspapers". He was not prepared to put his name to the line that "expressed confidence in the management".

Riot five convicted

Five former Strangeways prisoners were yesterday convicted at Manchester Crown Court of plotting to cause grievous bodily harm to prison officers and police during the Strangeways jail riot in April 1990. The jury took over 23 hours to bring in verdicts on Glynn Williams, 29, Mark Williams, 24, Anthony Bush, 27, and David Bowen, 29, after earlier convicting Kevin Gee, 27, on a similar charge. They went to a hotel for a fourth night after failing to agree verdicts on seven other accused.

Drunk railman fined

A train controller who is the first railman to be prosecuted under the 1992 Transport and Works Act was fined a total of £555 by magistrates at Exeter after he admitted drink-driving and being drunk in charge of a railway station. William Midson, 45, of Exeter, was banned from driving for 18 months. He has been sacked from his job.

Appeal on baby ends

The Court of Session, Edinburgh, reserved judgment yesterday in an historic appeal to decide whether an unborn baby was a person in law. The parents of baby David Watson, allegedly injured in the womb by forceps and who died three days after birth, are appealing against a judge's ruling that they were not entitled to damages for his loss.

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Jailing of man who raped fiancée confirms legal right

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

■ The legal boundaries of rape have been underlined by the case of a man who was jailed after his fiancée changed her mind

THE jailing of a man who admitted raping his fiancée after she asked him to stop during sexual intercourse has underlined the boundaries of rape, legal experts and women's groups said yesterday.

Lawyers said it made clear that a woman had the right to say no at any time during sex. Marriage guidance counsellors and medical experts acknowledged that some men might find it difficult to stop during intercourse, but said they would respect a woman's wishes if they loved her.

One sex expert said the six-month sentence imposed on the man, from Weston-super-Mare, Avon, may lead to more complaints against men. The 24-year-old technician pleaded guilty at Bristol Crown Court to raping his 20-year-old fiancée during a weekend in which they hoped to patch up their relationship.

Chris Barton, principal law lecturer at Staffordshire University, said the case showed how far the debate on rape had moved in the past 20 years. "If you look at this from a human point of view, this is the ultimate in how far something could be called rape. We now see rape as something that can actually take place during copulation and after a woman has initially given consent."

There would be difficulties with proof and evidence in such cases, he said, but the sentence showed that morally and rationally, 'no' meant no at any stage during sexual intercourse. It is understood that the man in the Bristol case originally denied rape but was advised to change his plea to guilty.

Rape cases involving women who consent to sexual intercourse and then change their minds during the act are rare. Heather Hallett, director of public affairs with the Bar Council, said: "There is usually an added element, often involving violence, sexual practices and threats."

Bristol Crown Court was told that the man courted his girl friend for several weeks before they had sex. Later, she complained on a number of occasions during intercourse that he was hurting her and he stopped. The relationship became troubled.

The man had been drinking when he went to his fiancée's bedroom at his parents' home in September 1991. After he became aggressive and shouted at her she agreed to intercourse, but in the middle of love-making asked him to stop.

The man admitted to police that he heard his fiancée say no. He told them: "I couldn't stop by then. I had had a bit to drink and got carried away."

The victim did not report the incident to police until July 1992, when the man was arrested in connection with another offence, about which no charges were brought.

Dr Andrew Stanway, a psychosexual physician who produced the *Lovers' Guide* videos, said: "A woman who gives permission to be penetrated is giving consent to an all or nothing phenomenon. To say a woman can at any time back out and then allege rape is crazy. It makes it impossible for men."

There came a stage in a man's arousal cycle when it was very difficult for him to stop, he said. The case might encourage a fickle woman who was unhappy with a man she was having sex with to use rape as a weapon against him.

Mr Barton rejected the argument that men could not stop or help themselves during lovemaking. "It isn't impossible. For centuries men have practised *coitus interruptus*. They can stop at any stage of intercourse."

Zelda West-Meades, spokesman for the counselling group Relate, said: "If a man does not stop, he breaks the trust in the relationship."

'No' means no at any point

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE case of the man jailed for raping his fiancée may set a new moral standard but it falls short of a change in the law, legal experts said yesterday.

Lawyers confirmed that the rare case is in line with present rape law. One senior academic lawyer said: "In my view it has always been the case that a woman can withdraw her consent at any point, even midway or further on through intercourse."

He said, however, that the sentence for a rape in such circumstances would be modified accordingly. "The tariff for rape is five years, and it goes up, or down, from that point according to what factors are involved."

The law was brought into line with 20th century attitudes in 1991 when the House of Lords abolished the immunity of husbands from rape charges. The 250-year-old principle that a woman gave her body and irrevocable consent to sexual intercourse with her husband in all circumstances was rejected as "anachronistic and offensive".

Under the Sexual Offences (amendment) Act 1976, a man commits rape if he "has unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman who at the time of the intercourse does not consent to it; and at that time he knows that she does not consent to the intercourse or he is reckless as to whether she consents to it".

The prosecution has to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the woman did not consent or was reckless as to whether she consented. That burden of proof will always be hard to meet in a case were consent is denied in the middle of lovemaking.

Campaign calls time on early sunsets

BY JOHN YOUNG

BRITAIN could see a dramatic reduction in traffic accidents, particularly among pedestrians, if it adopted the same time as its principal European partners, a conference in London was told yesterday.

The conference, organised by the Daylight Extra Action Group, also heard that a switch to Central European Time (CET), exchanging darker mornings for lighter evenings, would benefit the old and the young, who were often confined indoors after dark. Sportsmen would have more time to pursue their activities after work, and the tourist industry and businessmen would be working the same hours as their European counterparts.

The conference was attended by MPs and representatives of government departments, the police, local authorities, the tourist industry, motoring organisations, sports bodies and welfare groups. Among the speakers were Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, Lady Greengross, director of Age Concern England, and Rob Andrew, the England rugby union player.

Angus Crichton-Miller, a director of the Rank Organisation and chairman of the action group, said that the arguments were now overwhelmingly in favour of change.

The prime minister had said he wanted a country which was comfortable with itself, but it was hard to see how he could remain at comfort with himself unless he took the necessary steps to ensure that CET was adopted as soon as possible.

Dr Jeremy Broughton, of the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, said it was time to lay the myth that dark winter mornings posed greater dangers than dark evenings. Twice as many accidents involving children going to and from school happened in the evening, he said.

Between 1968 and 1971, Britain had, as an experiment, retained British Summer Time, an hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, throughout the year. In the winter of 1969-70, the number of those killed and seriously injured on the roads fell from 1,849 to 730, a 60 per cent reduction.

Dr Broughton added that the most vociferous protests against retaining BST had come from people in Scotland, who stood to gain most.

The conference was also told that many elderly people were afraid to leave their homes after dark and that their lives would be greatly enhanced by an extra hour of daylight. A Gallup survey for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents had produced a two-thirds majority in favour of a change to CET.

Mr Andrew told the conference that he was not arguing for extra daylight simply because the lack of that valuable commodity might have caused the referee to ignore a legitimate England try in the recent international against Wales. But an extra hour would enable many young people, particularly schoolchildren, to practise sport in the evenings.

John East, chief executive of the English Tourist Board, argued that a change to CET would greatly benefit the tourist industry, which was worth £25 billion to the economy. Many tourist attractions did not open until 10am, so an extra hour of morning darkness would make no difference, but visitors were often frustrated by reaching them only to find they closed at dusk.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Time for change: Angus Crichton-Miller wants Britain to move ahead an hour

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Actress wins order against fan

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

THE actress Helena Bonham Carter was granted a High Court injunction yesterday preventing an obsessive fan from approaching her home or telephoning her.

Miss Bonham Carter, 26, has been pestered by Andrew Farquharson for several years. He has sent persistent letters, thought to be increasingly sexual in tone, and made telephone calls and visits to her home in north London. The injunction prevents him from entering a defined area around the house and from attempting to telephone her or her family.

Miss Bonham Carter, whose recent film credits include *Howards End*, joins a long list of actors and actresses whose lives have been disrupted by obsessive idolisation. Victims include Diana Rigg and Jodie Foster, whose devotee John Hinckley shot Ronald Reagan to gain her attention.

Mr Farquharson's infatuation is thought to have begun more than six years ago when he saw Miss Bonham Carter as Lucy Honeychurch in *A Room with a View*, and was inflamed by her appearance in an episode of the American television series *Miami Vice*. He moved from Scotland to London to be nearer his idol and his letters became increasingly intimate.

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Earl's former wife cleared of lying

THE prostitute former wife of a Scottish earl was cleared yesterday of making up rape allegations against three men.

Dawn, Lady Kennedy, 32, said tearfully after her acquittal at the Old Bailey: "I am a prostitute and a drug addict. But the truth does shine through sometimes. I am just very, very relieved."

The former wife of the Earl of Cassillis, accused of three counts of attempting to pervert the course of justice, said that because she was a prostitute, police chose to believe the men rather than her, even though she made detailed statements about the rape incident describing how she was dragged screaming from a lavatory and her trousers and underwear torn off.

Two allegedly raped her in an east London flat while the third and another unidentified man held her down.

American-born Lady Kennedy insisted on being addressed by her title in court even though the judge had to reprimand her for unladylike behaviour in the dock when she pulled faces during prosecution evidence.

David Waters, for the prosecution, alleged she made up the rape allegations and the claim that she was forced to watch a pornographic video while being sexually abused.

Lady Kennedy, of Bow, east London, the mother of two girls by her marriage to the earl, made the rape allegations when she went to hospital complaining of abdominal pains. The three men were arrested but the charges were dropped after one of them proved he was playing golf in Scotland at the time of the alleged attack.

During the trial, one of the alleged attackers denied dealing in pornographic videos, but earlier this week evidence came to light showing that he did. A list of pornographic videos in his handwriting was found among court exhibits.

Lady Kennedy, who did not give evidence, spent nearly a month in Holloway before the trial. She was 17 when she met the earl on an outward bound course and they married in 1979. There followed a stormy divorce ten years later. Since then, Lady Kennedy has been a prostitute in this country and in Australia to pay for her drug addiction.



Dawn, Lady Kennedy toasts her acquittal

FT tells of computer intrusion

A COMPUTER hacker caused disruption that cost the *Financial Times* thousands of pounds when he keyed into a data base at the newspaper, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

Paul Bedworth, 19, was said to have introduced a rogue program into the data base, which held the FTSE 100 share index, and to have deleted an important file. Computer managers had to close down the system, which was vital to the paper's production, while the damage was repaired.

Tony Johnson, the paper's head of computers, said that he discovered the electronic intrusion in May 1991. A program that scanned other networks and made continual outgoing calls had been introduced.

"There was an outgoing call dialling every second. There were thousands of calls made," he said. The disruption cost the paper £24,871.

Mr Bedworth, who is studying artificial intelligence at Edinburgh University, denies three conspiracy charges under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. He is alleged to have hacked into several networks from his home at Ilkley, West Yorkshire, when he was a schoolboy.

The trial continues today.

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Judges rule pit bulls must be muzzled in cars

BY GEOFF KING

THE INSIDE of a car on the road is a public place as far as the law against keeping dangerous dogs unmuzzled is concerned, two High Court judges ruled in a test case yesterday.

The judges rejected an appeal by Henry Bates, 37, against a ruling by magistrates that his pit bull terrier Otis should be destroyed after it was found in his car during a routine police check.

Lawyers for Mr Bates, a vehicle technician of Clapton, east London, argued that his car was not a public place for the purposes of the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act, which places severe restrictions on the keeping of designated breeds. However, Mr Justice Waller said: "It seems to me that if a dog is taken out in a car into a public place, it is taken into a public place. It may be difficult to keep a dog on a lead in a car, but it is certainly not impossible. One may have a situation where a dog would be in a car with a window open and it might escape. One could have a situation where somebody could wrongfully open a door of a car."

Lord Justice Rose said: "The inside of a car is not itself a public place, but if a car is itself in a public place then that which is inside the car is likewise in a public place."

Mr Bates was fined £100 by Bow Street magistrates last July for failing to keep the three-year-old dog muzzled while in his car. When he was stopped by police in the Blackwall Tunnel, east London, Otis was lying on the car seat. His muzzle and lead were on the floor.

Mr Bates said after the judgment that the "gentle" dog was under sentence of death as a result of "the most evil legislation ever brought in against animals." He hoped to raise the money to take the case to the House of Lords.

He said: "It is genocide — the cleansing of a breed basically because of guilt by association. Pit bulls are becoming the scapegoat for every sort of attack." He said he had not been allowed to see his dog for 15 months which was being kept in kennels at an address the police would not disclose.

Double-murder trial told of fake letter to victim's brother

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE man charged with murdering Alison Manwaring and her father sent a bogus letter to Alison's brother Mark, pretending his victims had gone away for a break to get over depression, a jury at the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Michael Stuart-Moore QC, for the prosecution, contrasted the forged letter with a genuine one which Miss Manwaring had written to her brother the day before. Mr Stuart-Moore claimed that the forged letter contained information only the killer could have known.

Mr Stuart-Moore claimed that Benjamin Laing, a van driver, who is accused of murdering Miss Manwaring and her father Matthew, had made her tell him about an abortion she had undergone. It was referred to in the letter, though it was something her brother, an RAF navigator, had not been told about.

Mr Stuart-Moore said the letter, typed a week after Miss Manwaring, a bank clerk, and her father, a retired bank official, were murdered at their home in Barking, east London, "came from the murderer beyond a question of doubt".

The letter, intercepted by police, referred to Mr Manwaring's loneliness and drunkenness since the death of his wife, and said that he had fallen and cut his chest. The letter continued: "I promise you, Mark, I am looking after him really well. Mark, we took some photographs, my sentimental jewellery, the camera, our bank books. I think we took yours by mistake."

Later it said: "Once Daddy sorts out his feelings and until I feel better about the termination I had to have — it hurts too much to go into it now — we may be able to face things the way we did. We will send you some photographs from Daddy's camera as soon as we develop them. Love always in God, Daddy and Alison. XXX"

Mr Stuart-Moore said only the murderer knew Matthew Manwaring had been injured in the chest, having been "blown apart with a shotgun close to his heart".

The person who had possession of the brother's building society passbook the day after the murders was Mr Laing, who, the prosecution claims, tried to withdraw £200.

In truth, Mr Stuart-Moore said, Miss Manwaring had not been depressed. The genuine letter she sent to her brother the day before she died showed her "in a sentimental mood, looking forward to her future and looking back on her childhood", he said.

It ended: "I love you lots and I am very proud of you but I am sure you already know that. Happy landings sunshine. See you soon. Love, Sis." The sign-off was surrounded with kisses.

Mr Stuart-Moore also told the jury that an elderly widow had watched the alleged killer dig a deep grave in pouring rain for the dismembered bodies of his victims.

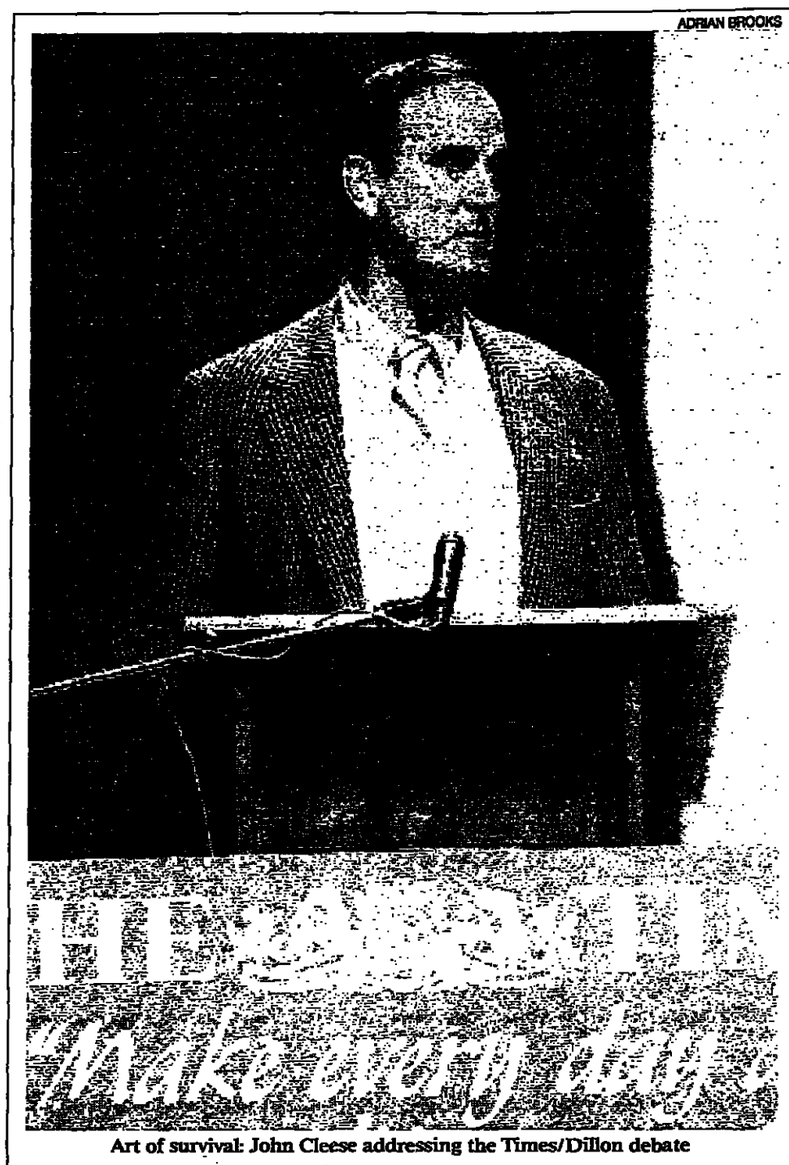
Mr Stuart-Moore claimed Mr Laing used a pickaxe and shovel to make the grave in the secluded back garden of his girl friend's house in Abbey Wood, southeast London, but he was seen by a neighbour, Lillian Keeley.

He said: "She saw a man taking black bags out of the boot of a car and going next door. Later she saw him out in the pouring rain with a pickaxe and shovel digging away into the very hard ground. Quite a long time later she saw him cleaning his tools with a hosepipe. What she had seen was the grave being dug for Alison and Matthew Manwaring where they were put in ten plastic sacks." Other items found in the bags included Miss Manwaring's rape alarm and her father's vest and slippers.

Mr Laing, 25, of East Ham, denies murdering the father and daughter on April 23 last year. The prosecution alleges he shot Mr Manwaring, 62, and strangled 24-year-old Alison to steal a car they had advertised for sale.

The trial continues today.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Art of survival: John Cleese addressing the Times/Dillon debate

John Cleese tells of the 'worst ten days of my life'

BY LOUISE CARPENTER

THE actor and author John Cleese said that he had experienced "the worst ten days of my life" during the national outcry that followed the murder of two-year-old James Bulger in Liverpool. Speaking at a debate sponsored by *The Times* and Dillons bookshops, Mr Cleese, whose voice at times broke with emotion, said: "Something is very, very wrong at the moment."

Mr Cleese was speaking to an audience of more than 800 in London on Wednesday about his book *Life and How to Survive It*, which is written with Dr Robin Skynner, who has treated him for depression.

Talking about the number of domestic and criminal tragedies currently being reported, he said: "I am deeply depressed about it. There is so much negativity about. I don't know whether to blame the media. Negativity does sell newspapers and it does make people watch television. Maybe things don't get better until we see how bad they really are."

Mr Cleese, who described himself as Britain's best-known psychiatric patient, was asked whether humour could be used as a defence against a seemingly hostile world. He replied: "When you see something for the first time, or feel something for the first time, I am not sure humour is possible. Humour requires the ability to distance yourself."

Speaking of the hotel proprietor Basil Fawlty, one of his best-known comic creations, he said that he had always been frightened of anger. "I was frightened of being on the end of anger and of my own reaction to it. I was frightened by the lack of contact. *Fawlty Towers* is about people who can't be angry and fail to communicate. I was trying to laugh about things which frightened me the most."

The debate, chaired by Brian Redhead, presenter of Radio 4's *Today* programme, was later opened to the audience. Answering a question from the floor on whether one can learn about life through books, Mr Cleese recognised the value of experience but said: "If you have a good set of ideas to begin with, it might help you."

Dr Skynner said that a truly healthy mental state could be measured by the ability to interact within a group while maintaining a degree of autonomy. "If you have an over-emphasis on a group, we create the situation such as Nazi Germany or the dreary Soviet Union," he said. "An over-emphasis on the individual creates the 'me' generation, the increasing division and fragmentation of society where we end up with an alienated underclass."

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Former polytechnics gain extra £36m research funds

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE former polytechnics yesterday began to reap the benefits of becoming universities with a £36 million boost for research, which makes them the main winners in next year's budgets for higher education.

Grants for 1993-4 will reflect the quality of research for the first time, as well as taking into account staff and student numbers. Although Oxford and Cambridge lead an elite group of universities with the biggest cash increases, former polytechnics such as Portsmouth and Hertfordshire enjoy the largest percentage gains.

Traditional universities that did badly in last December's research rankings will see their budgets drop most sharply, although the new Higher Education Funding Council is operating a safety net to ensure that no institution takes a cut of more than 3 per cent in real terms. Aston, Bradford, Salford and Goldsmiths' College, London, all find themselves in that position.

In allocating more than £2.3 billion to institutions throughout England, the council set out to reward high-quality research and help the former polytechnics without damaging the traditional universities. The final settlement gives the new universities an extra £36 million, but finds £9 million more for their older counterparts.

Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, said the funding council had struck the right balance. "They have maintained stability while at the same time properly acknowledging innovation and excellence."

Not all the universities agreed, however. The London School of Economics, which finished in the top five in last December's research rankings, was furious at having its budget cut in real terms. Funding council officials said the school had received over-generous settlements in previous years, but John Ashworth, the LSE's director, backed a move by senior staff to seek a judicial review of the decision.

Of the other universities ranked most highly for research, Cambridge, Oxford and University College London will receive increases of over 11 per cent. All three, together with Sussex, Bath, the London Business School and King's College London, had their research funds capped for redistribution among some of the large civic universities, which would have taken damaging losses otherwise.

The successful new universities were delighted. At Portsmouth, where the £2.3 million research grant is six times as much as the institution ever received as a polytechnic, Neil Merritt, the vice-chancellor, said: "This shows we are nudging up closely to a group of older universities who have enjoyed 20 years of research funding denied to the new universities."

All universities were protected from the effects of the government's cut in fees for arts and social science students, but those with an arts bias and low research ratings may face financial difficulties in future. Sir Ron Dearing, the funding council's chairman, said that universities would be expected to take fewer 18-year-olds this autumn even though applications were again up.

Dr David Harrison, the vice-chancellors' chairman, welcomed the settlement as a "remarkable achievement" in the circumstances, but asked who would look after the thousands of people who would be denied university places over the next three years.

But David Triesman, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said that the allocations represented the "biggest cut in the unit of resource for decades".

Several smaller colleges engaged in the shrinking market for primary teacher training are among the 21 institutions "safety netted", but a few colleges with high research ratings won the biggest percentage increases of all. The Roehampton Institute in west London, Wimbledon School of Art and the West London Institute will all see their budgets grow by about 20 per cent in 1993-4.

Grants for universities in Scotland and Wales, which have their own funding councils, will be announced next month.

Future grant allocations will include judgments on the quality of teaching, although the new system will not be complete in time to influence budgets for 1994-5.

UNIVERSITY BUDGETS FOR 1993-4

Institution	Total grant 1993-4 £	% Change
Anglia	17,449,100	6.0
Aston	14,495,400	-1.0
Bath	17,432,800	10.1
Birmingham	48,832,100	10.5
Bournemouth	9,137,800	4.6
Bradford	16,822,100	-1.0
Brighton	18,264,300	10.9
Bristol	41,536,900	1.0
Brunel	14,622,800	-0.9
Cambridge	62,452,300	11.7
Central England	19,537,500	1.4
Central Lancashire	20,102,800	6.4
City	14,624,300	5.5
Coventry	20,409,700	13.5
De Montfort	25,271,200	9.9
Derby	9,729,800	5.4
Durham	22,632,000	9.5
East Anglia	18,039,000	5.2
East London	19,190,700	8.8
Essex	12,818,800	3.3
Exeter	25,541,400	3.3
Greenwich	23,516,800	12.4
Hertfordshire	20,769,800	14.1
Huddersfield	15,513,800	8.8
Hull	19,436,500	2.7
Humberside	13,280,200	1.0
Keele	11,884,400	6.4
Kent at Canterbury	15,637,200	4.2
Kingston	20,377,800	8.1
Lancaster	20,357,100	6.7
Leeds	51,831,800	6.2
Leeds Metropolitan	23,410,000	6.6
Leicester	24,456,200	6.9
Liverpool	45,592,700	3.1
Liverpool John Moores	28,233,500	7.6
London (exc 9 directly funded colleges below)	134,088,600	4.0
Birkbeck	16,535,800	4.1
Goldsmith's	11,945,100	-1.0
Imperial College	45,804,300	9.4
King's	34,203,700	3.6
LSE	13,963,200	1.8
Queen Mary & Westfield	20,663,800	2.0
Royal Holloway	12,680,000	5.7
University College	52,560,600	11.2
London Business School	2,383,900	12.9
London Guildhall Univ	16,101,900	6.4
Loughborough Univ of Tech	22,678,500	2.7
Manchester	61,099,800	9.0
Umist	20,450,100	6.9
Manchester Metropolitan	40,096,400	9.2
Middlesex	22,323,800	14.3
Newcastle	40,629,100	2.3
North London	18,899,000	9.1
Northumbria	24,099,000	8.7
Nottingham	39,460,000	8.0
Nottingham Trent	26,927,500	7.0
Oxford	59,118,900	11.3
Oxford Brookes	14,956,300	11.9
Plymouth	21,890,800	13.2
Portsmouth	19,570,900	16.0
Reading	26,120,400	6.3
Salford	15,402,300	-1.0
Sheffield	41,629,300	3.5
Sheffield Hallam	30,811,000	6.8
Southampton	35,482,700	7.0
South Bank	26,332,600	12.7
Staffordshire	16,725,300	8.0
Sunderland	15,792,300	11.9
Surrey	16,519,000	6.3
Sussex	20,676,300	11.6
Teesside	13,754,700	4.6
Thames Valley	15,831,300	7.4
Warwick	31,034,200	6.9
Westminster	28,276,000	12.3
West of England	24,221,200	7.3
Wolverhampton	22,851,900	5.8
York	17,141,500	6.1

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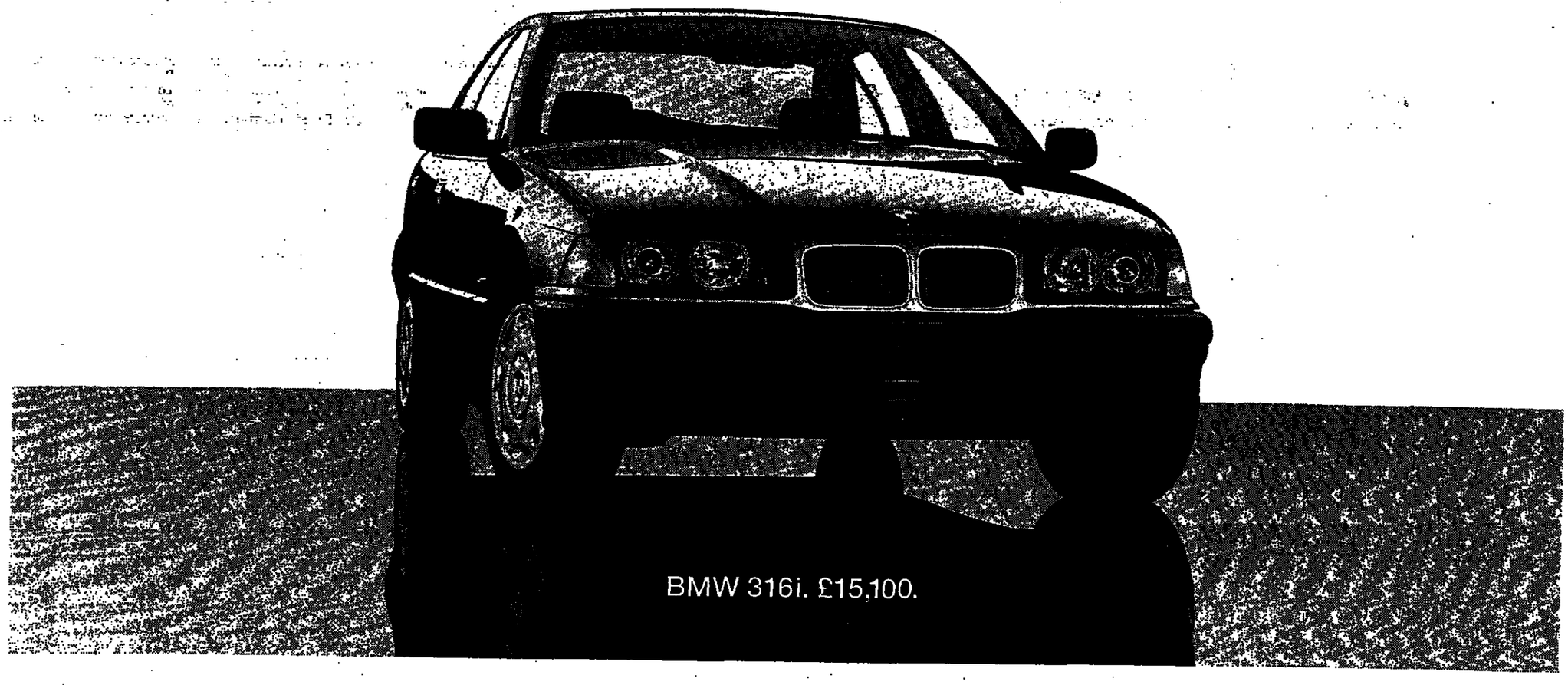
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Ambulance service collapse blamed on blunders at the top

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

London Ambulance Service faces an uncertain future after an enquiry revealed how a series of errors plunged it into chaos

INCOMPETENCE and mismanagement on a grand scale are disclosed by an enquiry into London Ambulance Service and the computer failure that left patients waiting up to two hours for emergency help.

Mistakes and misjudgments, accompanied by an "aggressive" manner, led to the collapse of the new £1.5 million computer system, designed to dispatch ambulances within seconds. The collapse left the largest ambulance service in the world, covering a resident population of 6.8 million, in chaos.

Unions blamed at least 26 deaths on the computer failure on October 26 and 27 last year, but the enquiry report said that evidence from coroner's courts suggested that the late arrival of ambulances was not a factor in the deaths. Members of the enquiry appeared reluctant to concede that delays had caused any problems beyond worry to patients, relatives and ambulance crews.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, ordered a review of the accountability of the service after publication of the report yesterday. Jim Harris, chairman of London Ambulance Service board since 1990, announced that he would be stepping down on Monday. "We caused a considerable amount of anguish to the people of London. We failed to deliver the service we could," he said.

Further resignations or dismissals were expected after Don Page, chairman of the enquiry and chief executive of South Yorkshire ambulance service trust, said a review of the London management was needed. "The pressure on them now is clear," he said.

John Wilby, the former chief executive who is held mainly responsible for the service's problems, resigned last November aftaer the collapse of the computer system. But it emerged yesterday that the board had already decided to sack him after warning him about his poor performance six months earlier.

Mr Wilby was appointed in 1990. By 1992, ambulance response times and telephone answering times were getting worse and morale was falling. "It is unfair to put the whole blame on one man but he was the chief executive at the time," Mr Harris said.

Pressure on Mr Wilby to improve his performance could have contributed to the rushed implementation of the computer system, picked out by the enquiry team as a key reason for its failure. "It was very clearly laid out to Mr Wilby that results had to be achieved by the end of the year," Mr Harris said.

Asked if the board should have exerted more control, he said: "We were being told very clearly that once the computer system was in place, it would solve most of the problems. It is very difficult for non-executive directors to second-guess the executives and say we know better than you."

The enquiry report said that the service had accepted the cheapest tender for the computer system without considering its quality or reliability. The scheme was overambitious and introduced too quickly. "They made virtually every mistake in the book," Paul Williams, a computer expert and member of the enquiry, said.

Responding to the enquiry, Mrs Bottomley said: "This is a serious, comprehensive and detailed report. I am not, however, satisfied that the management failures it highlights can be fully addressed by the current lines of accountability.

"There is still a very long way to go before we see the service that Londoners have the right to expect."

Martin Gorham, new chief executive of the service, said telephone calls were now answered in an average of 15 seconds compared with 90 seconds last autumn, and that 65 per cent of ambulances attended within 14 minutes compared with less than 50 per cent last autumn.



Page: more managers' jobs could be at risk

System designed as best in world

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

LONDON Ambulance Service's emergency computer system was planned to be the most sophisticated of its kind. It was designed to pinpoint on electronic maps the location of 999 callers and then automatically search for the nearest free ambulance.

The availability of vehicles was supposed to be continually updated, with crews using on-board computer terminals to tell the control centre what type of calls they were attending. An automatic vehicle location system was to mark constantly the position of crews on electronic maps.

But, as emerged on the night of October 26 and 27, the system was riddled with design and technical flaws that individually were not significant but collectively triggered a disaster.

The enquiry noted the haste with which the computer system was installed and the lack of a full test under busy conditions before it went live across London.

The most significant technical flaw was probably the poor reliability of the system that transmitted information between the control centre and crews, which was meant to replace voice communications.

Its unreliability, which sapped the morale of ambulance crews, was due to a variety of factors including interference caused by high buildings and crews not confirming that they had received instructions.

The control centre's computer system was designed to trigger so-called exception messages if a crew failed to respond to instructions within five minutes. On at least one day, however, data communication breakdowns led to more than 100 exception messages being generated, causing chaos in the control room. Paul Williams, senior



computer audit partner at management consultant BDO Binder Hamlyn, and a member of the enquiry team, said many crews unable to communicate with base switched to their radios.

These work on the same part of the radio spectrum as the data communication system, adding to the already clogged airwaves.

The enquiry also said the automatic vehicle location system sometimes failed to plot vehicles accurately.

Controller tells of long delays

By Kate Alderson

MICHAEL Broom was working as a control assistant for London Ambulance Service when the computer crashed last October. "It was chaotic, incredibly stressful and a disaster from the minute I arrived for my shift at 3pm," he said. "There was a four-hour backlog of calls and my colleagues and I just looked at each other and said 'Where on earth do we start?'

"The computer was failing to give us the message that an ambulance had picked up an emergency, so we had to ring back the 999 caller and ask if the vehicle had arrived. Not surprisingly, they would then give us abuse. There were people out there who had had heart attacks and I remember being told: 'I called for an ambulance two hours ago and someone has just died here.'

"When we arrived for work the next day, it was still more or less the same, so we decided to revert to partial automation. It was the only way we were going to be able to take control of the mess.

"The problem was there was no back-up system. We were just left with a computer that did not work."

Paul Wood, an ambulance driver, said that both days were chaotic. "The control room had completely lost us and could not give us calls. They found us in the end, but by then delays were running at about 90 minutes.

"Many people we went to pick up had made their own way to hospital in a taxi, on the bus or in their own car. The whole thing was ridiculous and we felt like we were banging our heads off a brick wall."

Grieving fans pay tribute to Moore

By Alan Hamilton

THE iron gates of Upton Park were transformed into a shrine yesterday as the people of West Ham paid their own private tributes to one of the great gentlemen of English football.

Bouquets piled up by the dozen at the entrance to the Hammers' ground, as they have sometimes done in the past at Anfield or Hillsborough, when the ordinary folk on the terraces have felt the loss of heroes and friends. Many standing in silence outside Upton Park yesterday were not even born when Bobby Moore led England to immortal victory in the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley. But their fathers had told them all about it, and had told the tale with pride.

The cards with the flowers were from individuals, and from whole families. "Goodbye Bobby, my very first sporting hero," said one. "The best defender in the world — and a Hammer" said another. And another simply: "Thanks for the memories."

Draped on the railings were dozens of claret and blue scarves, the precious possessions of supporters donated to what had become an altar of memory. Handwritten messages were pinned to them: "Simply the best", and "We'll miss you Bobby — from a North Bank supporter."

Lorraine Harding, clutching her 18-month-old daughter Hayley, was six years old that glorious Wembley day. "I don't remember the match, but I remember my mum going out and getting dead drunk."

George Cutterhan, 73, had been a Hammers fan since he was six. "There were street parties all over West Ham that day. Bobby was a very well liked person; he was a gentleman footballer, and there are no gentleman footballers today." Steve Mason, 40, had followed the team from babyhood. "Bobby was a one-off, and irreplaceable. He was a born leader who commanded respect from everyone. West Ham have never been able to replace him."

Len Brown, 36, a shop peeper from Dagenham, Essex, arrived wearing a West Ham T-shirt and knelt to kiss a club rosette bearing Moore's picture. "I met him a couple of times, just to say hello," he said. "He was a gentleman and a great player. His death was so sudden. I don't think anyone realised how ill he was."

Somehow, within hours of his death being announced, a fan had etched a brass plate to stick on the gate posts in tribute. In a long essay written on a brown paper bag stuck to a gatepost at 2am yesterday, Dave Madhani wrote: "We have lost the father of football, a master, a great ambassador."

Dave Smith, 33, from Wickford, Essex, standing tearfully at the gates, said: "This is like one of the family dying. I've never been so choked over someone dying before."

High on the stand, the electronic signboard that normally relays traffic directions to the incoming crowds said simply: "Bobby Moore OBE — Rest In Peace". In the light breeze, tied to the railings, a sheet of paper fluttered: a telegram from Germund Holt, chairman of the Scandinavian West Ham Supporters' Club, expressing the sorrow of Sweden at the death of a hero. They post notices like that on Buckingham Palace at the death of a king. In West Ham and in a wider world of football, Bobby Moore was just that.

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MARC ASPLAND



Soccer shrine: candles, cards and flowers mark the supporters' devotion

Average council tax bills likely to be £447

By Rachel Kelly, Local Government Correspondent

AVERAGE council tax bills in England will be £447, lower than the average household poll tax bill of £488, an analysis of local authority budgets shows. In Scotland, average bills will be £407 and in Wales £258.

The figures are published today by the trade magazine *Public Finance and Accountancy*, which has analysed the budgets of 313 of the 529 local authorities. Previous figures have relied on academic estimates rather than actual budgets. Councils have until midnight on March 10 to set their budgets.

The survey shows average taxes for Band D properties and average bills. Bills will be lower than the Band D headline figures becasue of single-person discounts, exemptions and the government's transitional relief scheme.

Newcastle upon Tyne, a Labour-led council, has set a Band D tax of £792.09, among the highest in Britain. Manchester and Salford are also setting high Band D figures, of £738 and £707. The high taxes are partly due to overspending in previous years and the demands of deprived inner-city areas.

Though council tax figures are high in the metropolitan conurbations of the North and Midlands, the survey shows that they are 20 per cent lower than equivalent poll tax figures per dwelling. In Wales, the reduction from poll tax is only 0.5 per cent and in Greater London there is a rise of 14.9 per cent. Westminster, a Tory-led council, has set one of the lowest Band D rates of £295, higher than its poll tax bill of £36 but nearly £200 less than the government's estimated average of £493.

The impact of the tax will be cushioned by the £180 million transitional relief scheme, which ensures that householders do not pay more than £3.50 a week above their poll tax bills. The bill paid by a two-person household in Westminster will be £202 after the relief.

Andrew Dismore, leader of Westminster's Labour group, said: "The valuations are riddled with unfairness. Why should council tower-block tenants find their flats in the same valuation band as luxury flats? These and other inaccurate valuations favour many of the rich and influential people who live in Westminster."

Most councils are setting the new tax at levels favoured by the government. Only four authorities have set budgets above government capping limits: Gloucestershire County Council, Orkney Islands Council, West Yorkshire Fire Authority and Aberconwy District Council in Gwynedd.

Joyce grandson tries to block new book

By Our Ireland Correspondent

THE grandson of James Joyce is being accused of attempting to suppress the author's work by a Joyce scholar who plans to publish a volume of short narratives called *Finn's Hotel*, which he says amounts to a previously unknown work.

Danis Rose, who is also shortly to publish an important critical study of *Finnegans Wake*, said he was deeply offended by accusations by Stephen Joyce to the effect that his discovery or reinterpretation of the new work was bogus.

In a letter published in Tuesday's *Irish Times*, Mr Joyce, who lives in Paris, said the attempt to publish *Finn's Hotel* by Viking/Penguin in London later this year would be "vigorously opposed" by the author's estate. His letter said the seven narratives which are to make up the volume, written in 1923, are not new and should not be regarded as a composite work.

Mr Rose is preparing a stiffly worded reply to be published in next week's *Times Literary Supplement*, which first carried Mr Joyce's letter. Speaking in Dublin, Mr Rose said the author's grandson was behaving in an unacceptable manner. "The letter impugns my scholarly competence and, by omission of highly pertinent facts, it misrepresents the true state of affairs. It is also inaccurate," he said. The author's grandson was unavailable for comment in Paris yesterday.

The dispute over the new volume is unlikely to affect plans for its publication in the United Kingdom, as consent was given last year by the estate prior to objections being raised. However, the matter has yet to be finalised by lawyers for Viking and the estate.

The Rose thesis that has so upset Mr Joyce is that the seven narratives should not be seen as part of work in progress leading up to *Finnegans Wake*, but were conceived by Joyce as a separate enterprise which was later abandoned as the author embarked on the major project which followed.

His views are supported by Michael Groden, general editor of the 16-volume James Joyce archive, and by Seamus Deane, professor of modern English and American literature at University College, Dublin, who is writing a critical introduction to the volume.

Art experts attack college in Turner sale

By Nicholas Watt

SENIOR figures in the art world have criticised Royal Holloway College for the way it sold a Turner seascape to America for £11 million.

The Museums Association said yesterday that an export licence should be deferred; one leading figure in the art world, who wished to remain anonymous, alleged the college had not done enough to keep big museums properly informed of the sale abroad.

Turner's *Van Tromp Going About to Please His Masters* was sold to the Getty museum in California earlier this week to establish a trust fund for the upkeep of the college at Egham, Surrey. But the expert said that the college might have been in breach of the Getty museum's policy by allegedly not making clear that a national British museum was interested in the painting. The National Museum of Wales failed to raise funds to buy the Turner.

Dr John Walsh, director of the Getty museum, has said that he would not compete against a national museum when there was a serious claim that a work of art belonged to the national heritage.

Royal Holloway yesterday rejected the charges that it had misled British museums and the Getty. David White, a spokesman, said: "All the major national institutions were told that the painting was available. We sought serious expressions of intent and none was received to pay the market value. Therefore it was perfectly legitimate to discuss with Getty. Once Getty had made their position clear, we alerted British institutions as to the scale of the painting's value."

Maurice Davies, of the Museums Association, said that an export licence should be deferred because the Turner was an important part of the heritage.

The Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art will recommend to Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, that an export licence be deferred if the Turner is deemed an important part of British history and national life.

Academics and students at Royal Holloway yesterday criticised Professor Norman Gowar, its principal, for his claim that he had the college's support for the sale. Alison Brown, a senior history lecturer, said: "It is annoying when he says this is what the college wanted."

A senior academic has resigned from the college's governing board in protest, and Ms Brown said that some of her students were disgusted to hear that the Turner would be going to California. "We feel that something very wrong has happened. I taught three classes today and the students were shocked."

The college said that its council had voted overwhelmingly in favour of the sale to set up a trust fund to finance the upkeep of its buildings. "The fact that the council voted 23 to two with one abstention shows the support behind the principal," a spokeswoman said.

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The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



TOURING schools as a prospective parent is a curious business. Who is interviewing whom?

At first, the mere sight of a door saying "Headmaster" filled me with foreboding, and when the secretary said: "The headmaster will see you *now*", I would feel that odd sinking in the stomach that, in the old days, would presage the words: "Disturbing rumours have come to me, Brown, concerning your conduct last Tuesday ..." or "The phrase 'team spirit' appears to be entirely absent from your vocabulary, Brown ..."

But I have come to realise that in these situations the headmaster is in fact the pupil, and the parent the headmaster, chock-a-block with questions about examination results, plans for improvement, use of spare time, general attitude and so forth.

I can imagine a psychopath, traumatised at school, determined to wreak revenge on all headmasters, who spends his life going from school to school disguised as a prospective parent, forcing the objects of his past torment to spend hour upon hour detailing their plans for the new science block.

To be honest, I find this sadistic urge not entirely absent in myself. A while ago, I visited a school with a new headmaster who, incidentally, had a disconcerting number of Jeffrey Archer books on his shelves. "And are you planning to make any major changes?" I asked him.

"I'm planning a much greater emphasis on team sports," he replied gleefully. My mind went back to hours, days, years of freezing to death on squelchy pitches. As I smiled politely back, I crossed his school ruthlessly from my list.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Drink-drive police criticised

West Midlands police have been criticised by a government inspector over the high number of officers caught drinking and driving. In the first ten months of last year, 11 officers were convicted.

The force had earlier been told to step up punishments after ten officers failed breath tests in 1991. Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary accused the officers of irresponsibility and risking tragic consequences.

His latest report says: "Disappointingly, the number of officers convicted of driving with excess alcohol remains high." The force said it could not comment as disciplinary procedures had begun.

Banning order in arson case

Sunderland council, Tyne and Wear, was granted a High Court injunction banning the publication of any information that might lead to the identification of a boy in its care who has been accused of setting fire to a woman's clothes in a shopping centre. There had been widespread publicity about the boy, 13, he was being held at an outward bound holiday centre.

Sunderland magistrates later adjourned the boy's case until March 11. He is accused of theft, criminal damage and arson with intent to endanger life.

Moor inquest

Linda Fleming, 23, a pharmacist whose body was found on a moor at Scammonden, West Yorkshire, died from a head injury and compression of the neck, an inquest at Halifax was told. The inquest was adjourned. Miss Fleming's father, Derek, 51, of Elland, West Yorkshire, has been charged with her murder.

Hunt reduced

Detectives have scaled down the hunt for the Securicor guard who vanished five weeks ago with about £1.3 million. Suffolk police said that they could find no trace of Eddie Maher, 37, his partner Debbie Brett, 27, or their son Lee, 3.

Cold comfort

Kenneth West, a farmer, of Storrington, West Sussex, has been ordered by planners to remove a mobile home on a field in his farm. He claimed he was living with his cows to protect them from rustlers.

Polar jog

About 20 researchers from the Cambridge British Antarctic Survey are to run the first Antarctic half-marathon, to raise money to fund expeditions for the under-privileged. It will be run on the next fine, dry day.

Duchess leaves

The Duchess of York has cut short a holiday in Torquay, Devon, as heavy rain swept the area. The duchess, her sister Jane and their children returned by train to Berkshire.

Teacher butted

A boy aged 15 was remanded in custody by Newport magistrates, Gwent, accused of head-butting his headmistress in the face. Her nose was fractured.

Farce funds

A collection among audiences at the West End farce *It Runs in the Family* has raised more than £18,000 for two holiday coaches for disabled children.

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By-election rebel threatens to split Conservative vote

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JILL SHERMAN

THE government's majority in the Newbury by-election may be threatened by a Tory rebel candidate standing for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

Robin Marlar, who unsuccessfully fought a general election and by-election for the Conservatives, plans to make the referendum a key issue of the by-election at which the government will be defending a majority of 12,357 over the Liberal Democrats.

His demands will be fuelled by a cross-party campaign launched by Euro-rebels yesterday, which aims to make the government hold a referendum. Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet over Europe, Bill Cash, one of the leading Tory rebels, and Nick Harvey, Liberal Democrat MP for Devon North, hope to collect a big enough public petition to force the issue.

Mr Marlar, a former Sussex cricket captain, accused the government of "disgraceful arrogance" in rejecting calls for a plebiscite. "It appals me to see politicians say 'this is not the way we do things here'.

The prospect of the Tory vote in Newbury being split will alarm ministers, who already concede that they face a tough battle to save the seat held by Judith Chaplin until her death last week. The Liberal Democrats will also be anxious that an independent candidate does not draw attention away from their pro-referendum stance.

Mr Marlar, who was also cricket correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, is judging the strength of opinion in the Newbury constituency before confirming that he will stand.

He said that the danger of taking votes away from the official Tory candidate "is of no interest to me. It will not be a terminal blow for the government if they lose one seat but it will have put on the table one of the biggest fundamental issues of politics."

Mr Marlar, who now runs a recruitment business, said he was broadly in favour of the government's stance on the treaty but a referendum was essential. He stood for Bolsover in the 1959 general election and in the Leicester North East by-election in 1962.

MPs at yesterday's launch of the cross-party campaign see a referendum as their last chance to scupper the Maastricht treaty. They emphasised, however, that they were seeking an opportunity for the people of Britain to have a say rather than making a direct attack on the treaty. "There has been no white paper and no free vote in Parliament," said the campaign group. "It is a call for a referendum reaching out to every town and village in the United Kingdom to allow the people to choose."

Baroness Thatcher, the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Stoddart of Swindon are patrons of the campaign, called Marc (Maastricht Referendum Campaign), which is being organised by Russell Lewis, a former director of the Institute of Economic Affairs. The petition would be presented to Parliament before the Commons voted on the referendum amendment to the Maastricht bill this summer.

Mr Cash, MP for Stafford, said the latest MORI poll showed that 73 per cent of the population wanted a referendum, whether they were for or against it. "The people are right. It is they who should decide upon this momentous change in the way they may be governed."

Mr Gould said there had been a conspiracy between the leaders of the main parties to prevent Maastricht becoming an issue in the general election.

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Margaret Beckett and Tony Newton who clashed in the Commons yesterday

Newton forced on to defensive

TONY Newton, leader of the Commons, was forced on the defensive yesterday as the government was attacked on crime, defence and unemployment (Arthur Leathley writes).

Margaret Beckett, Labour deputy leader, accused the government of "gratuitously undermining" the morale of British troops by announcing redundancies among those serving in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mr Newton replied that the announcement of thousands of army redundancies was necessary to remove uncertainty. Mrs Beckett accused the government of "adding insult to injury" by making soldiers redundant in the knowledge that there were no jobs for them to come home to.

Accusations from Andrew Bennett (Lab Denton and Reddish) that crime had risen because of "the sort of society this government has created" were rejected by Mr Newton, attacking Labour's repeated rejection of law and order legislation.

Chelsea earl joins protest against Tory property bill

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

EARL Cadogan, owner of Sloane Square and 90 acres of Chelsea, has become the latest Tory aristocrat to withdraw financial support for the party in protest at the government's property reforms.

On Wednesday, the Duke of Westminster disclosed that he has resigned from the party over the housing and urban development bill, which will give up to 750,000 leaseholders the right to force landlords to sell them their freeholds.

Lord Cadogan, 79, was adjudged to be the joint twenty-fifth richest person in Britain last year, with an estate valued at £250 million. Two years ago he was involved in a high-profile dispute with the novelist Edna O'Brien over repairs to her home in Chelsea, one of 4,000 in west London for which the earl earns the freehold.

Stuart Corbyn, chief executive of the Cadogan Estates, which manages the earl's west London properties, said that the estate had decided to decline invitations to contribute funds to the party because of the bill. Most recently it turned down an invitation to advertise in a brochure for a party fund-raising event.

Mr Corbyn said that the bill would be fatal to the historic estates of west London. He would not give details of the size of the Cadogan estate's past contributions to Conservative coffers, but they are likely to have been made over many years to the party's central office and to the Chelsea Conservative Association, of which Lord Cadogan is patron.

Barbara Lord, agent for the Chelsea association, said last night that she had received no communication from the earl about his party membership. Lord Cadogan, who spends much of his time on his estate at Dunkeld, near Perth, takes the Tory whip in the House of Lords.

Last night another big London estate was also considering its future relations with the government in the light of the bill. Martin Forrester, manager of the Howard de Walden estate, which owns 120 acres of Marylebone, including Harley Street, said that its contributions to the party were "under review".

The estate had been consulted by the government on many occasions about property issues, he said. Whether it would do so again was "very much an open question".

The Duke of Westminster has estimated that the bill could make him forfeit up to £250,000 to every "enfranchised" lease-holder on his 300-acre estate in London, valued at about £3.5 billion. The duke, 41, headed his local party association for more than 20 years. His father was a Conservative and Unionist MP in Ulster.

Speaker puts social debate ruling on ice

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE warring parliamentary factions over Maastricht were left on tenterhooks last night after a critical ruling over the social chapter was delayed until next week at least.

As the Labour leadership threw its weight behind a move by one of its backbenchers that could torpedo the treaty, Michael Morris, the deputy speaker, said he wanted more time to consider the complex issues involved.

Mr Morris stalled after George Robertson, Labour's spokesman on Europe, asked for another debate on the social chapter in the wake of last week's confusion over the legal impact of amending the bill incorporating the treaty into British law.

Mr Robertson also pointed out that after the government somersault over amendment 27, eventually shrugged off by ministers as no threat to ratification of the treaty, Calum MacDonald, Labour MP for the Western Isles, had tabled a new social chapter amendment 443, widely seen at Westminster as threatening the treaty. Labour's argument for a further debate is that the government's changed legal advice has moved the goalposts mid-way through the battle. MPs should be given a second chance to discuss the issues involved.

Ministers counter that MPs have already had ample time for debate and that Mr MacDonald's amendment is a wrecking measure and out of order. He prolonged the suspense by recalling that he had already left open the possibility of a debate and then adding: "I am not prepared to announce my decision now, although of course I will make the committee aware of my decision in good time."

Asked by Mr MacDonald when he would decide whether to call amendment 443, Mr Morris said that the issues raised were complex and that he did not want to be hasty.

The uneasy alliance of Labour and the Tory Euro-sceptics believe that amendment 443 may be lethal to government hopes of ratifying the treaty: it seeks to delete the social protocol from a part of the bill that cannot be touched because it relates to the powers of the European Parliament.

Under a 1978 law, Westminster has to approve any measure enhancing Strasbourg's powers. The government's opponents say that the social protocol does precisely that. If it was rejected by Parliament, ministers trying to ratify the treaty under the royal prerogative would find themselves in conflict with the 1978 act. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, has already appeared to concede that amendment 443 would wreck the treaty.



Morris: time needed for complex issues

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Parliament: business next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on Welsh affairs.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Education Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: European Communities (Amendment) Bill, committee, fourteenth day.

Friday: Debate on crime and crime prevention.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill, report, first day.

Wednesday: Debates on rural areas and on the building industry.

Thursday: Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill, report, final day.

State school monopoly to be abolished

THE monopoly of local education authorities to run state schools is to be abolished in new legislation known as "Clause Zero", John Patten, the education secretary, announced yesterday (John O'Leary writes).

A late amendment to the Education Bill will commit the education secretary to "improving standards, encouraging diversity and increasing opportunities for choice". The first section of the 1944 Education Act, which made local authorities responsible for education in their area, will disappear.

Mr Patten said the amendment confirmed schooling was now firmly in the hands of parents, governors and teachers.

Pat Mullaney, metropolitan authorities' education committee chairman, said in itself the clause changed nothing. "It will not give more power to parents. It will not write local education authorities out of existence. Its importance is simply symbolic."

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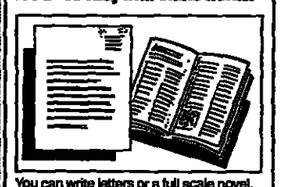
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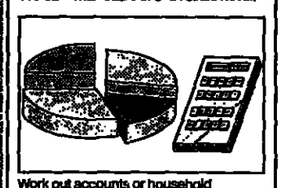


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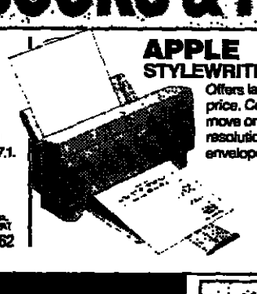
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Unemployment and crime dominate nation's worries as voters lose faith in recovery pledges

Public fear grows of a breakdown in law and order

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DOUBLING in public concern about an apparent breakdown in law and order has been identified by the latest MORI survey of British opinion for *The Times*.

As Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, prepares to make a Commons announcement on measures to tackle young criminals, MORI's regular monitoring of the most important issues facing Britain shows a sharp increase in fears about crime, violence and vandalism.

For the past two weeks, MPs have received a flood of letters and telephone calls from constituents about the perceived growth of youth violence. The trend is confirmed by the survey, taken in the days following the murder of James Bulger, 2, in Liverpool.

From being an issue mentioned by only 9 per cent of the public in October, law and order now ranks second behind unemployment in the list of most crucial matters facing the country. Concern is almost equal among men and women, the survey says. People in rural areas are nearly as anxious as those in urban areas.

When people were asked which issues they regarded as most important, 33 per cent mentioned law and order, a 16-point jump on January. In October the figure was 9 per cent and in December 12 per cent, figures that confirm the view of MPs that, in the public perception, there has been a sharp deterioration in law and order. Unemployment was an issue of concern to 81 per cent.

While concern about crime is shared by all social classes, according to the survey, twice as many older people registered anxiety as the young. In the 18-34 age group, crime was mentioned by 22 per cent; among pensioners by 40 per cent.

The figures suggest that John Major was in tune with public opinion when he highlighted the government's plans to tackle teenage crime at the beginning of the month in his speech at the Carlton Club, and reinforced the message with his promise last weekend of a "crusade against crime".

The figures will strengthen Mr Clarke's hand when he makes his announcement soon about plans for the reintroduction of institutions along the lines of the approved schools phased out more than 20 years ago. The home secretary is proposing a regime combining "discipline with affection" in an attempt to wean 12 to 15-year-olds away from crime.

Conservative MPs who are calling for sterner measures, such as the return of corporal punishment, greater freedom for the police, stricter school discipline and an attack on drug abuse and teenage drinking, will also be bolstered by the findings.

According to the survey, health (at 30 per cent) and education (20 per cent) remain issues of strong concern to the public. Concern about health has risen by two points and education by four.

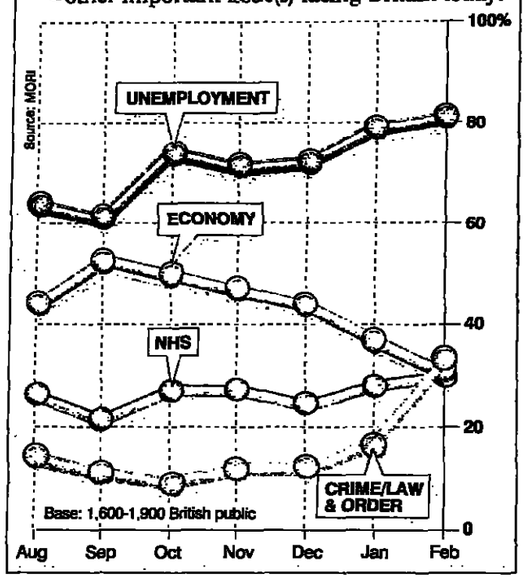
Perhaps the most welcome news for the government is the apparently low level of public interest in the European Community as an issue. Only 10 per cent mentioned the EC, compared with 24 per cent in December in the wake of the government's near-defeat in the Maastricht "paving" debate.

Opponents of Maastricht are hoping to use the forthcoming Newbury by-election to bolster their campaign against closer European integration and for a referendum on the treaty. With the pro-European Liberal Democrats representing the main challenge to the government, the views of the Tory candidate on Europe will clearly become a crucial factor in the campaign.

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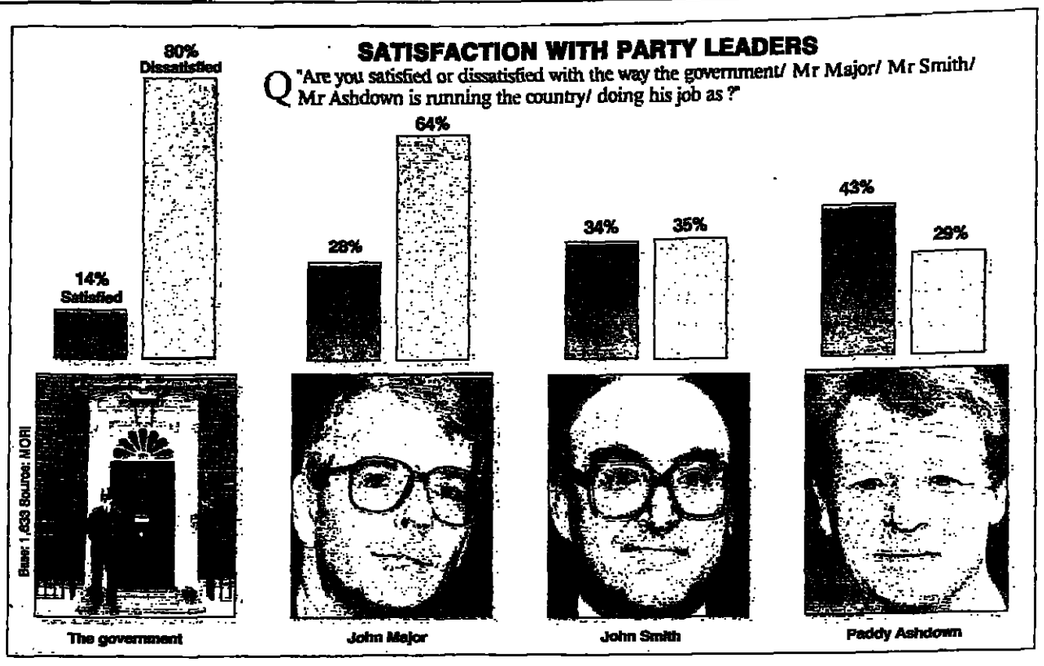
MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES

Q What would you say is the most important/ other important issue(s) facing Britain today?



SATISFACTION WITH PARTY LEADERS

Q "Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the government/ Mr Major/ Mr Smith/ Mr Ashdown is running the country/ doing his job as ?"



Economic gloom thwarts ministers' hopes of consumer-led growth

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLEAR evidence that the public does not believe the persistent claims by ministers that better economic times lie ahead has dealt a blow to John Major's hopes of boosting a consumer-led recovery.

Ministers have been trying to revive confidence by seizing on recent economic figures as a sign that an upturn is on the way. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, took the unusual step of emerging from his pre-Budget purdah last week to hail the January sales figures as showing that "we are on the right track".

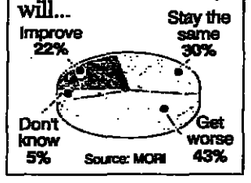
However, MORI's new survey of public opinion for *The Times* suggests that the public may be drawing the opposite conclusion and that ministers' concern that fear of unemployment is holding back growth is being realised.

After an improvement in the run-up to Christmas, pessimism about the state of the economy flattened in January; as the unemployment figures topped three million, more than eight in ten of the public cited that as the most important issue facing Britain today.

According to MORI's Economic Optimism Index (EOI) 43 per cent of the public now believe that general economic conditions will get worse over the next 12 months, and only 22 per cent that they will improve, a negative balance of 21 points.

ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

Q Do you think that over the next 12 months the economy will...



At the time of the general election in April last year there was a clear positive balance of 21 points, indicating that at that time many more people expected the general economic situation to improve rather than worsen.

In the wake of Black Wednesday, the index fell to minus 46; it improved to minus 16 in December and January amid the first glimmerings of hopes of recovery, so its fall back to minus 21 will be of deep concern to ministers.

Economic pessimism is most heavily marked in Scotland and the North, where more than half the electorate believe things will get worse, and in urban areas generally where 47 per cent think the situation will deteriorate.

Of most worry to ministers will be MORI's detailed figures which suggest that mortgage holders, who have enjoyed a series of rate cuts over the past year, are no more optimistic about prospects than people who own their homes outright.

With the long-term unemployed going over the million mark this week, the figures suggest an attitude of deep foreboding among unemployed people about the state of the economy. Sixty-eight per cent of unemployed respondents thought the position would worsen in the coming year. Unemployment is now mentioned by 81 per cent as the most important issue facing Britain, a figure that will harden the determination of ministers that the Budget must contain a multi-million pound package to help the jobless.

It is understood that several senior ministers, including Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, wanted to announce new measures last week when the figures topped three million. The latest survey is likely to vindicate their judgment.

The onus is now on Mr Lamont to produce a Budget that gives the unemployed new hope, dispels some of the fear of joblessness paralysing consumers and raises taxes sufficiently to reassure the markets without burning off the few green shoots in the economy.

A growing number of Tory MPs are coming to the view that alongside the jobless package, the Chancellor must at least embark on a strategy of phased tax increases and spending cuts to curb the spiralling public sector deficit. Mr Lamont is said to regard the deficit as the main long-term threat to the economy.

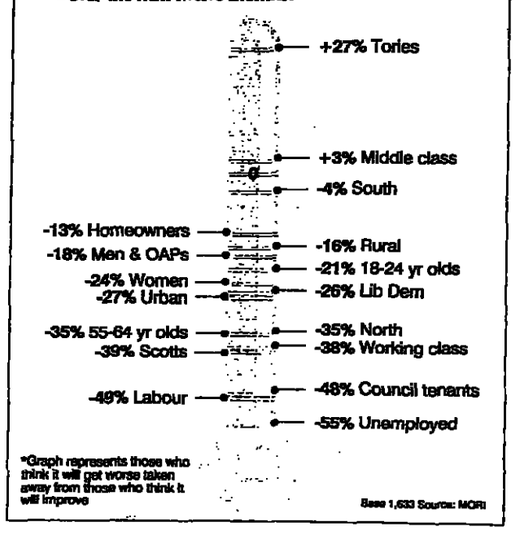
Women are traditionally more pessimistic about the future of the economy than men: while the men record minus 18 per cent on the EOI, women, who do most of the shopping, are at minus 24 per cent. The working class is dramatically less optimistic than middle-class respondents, despite increased unemployment among the latter.

Traditionally, a general election fuels economic optimism, which then dissipates in the months after voting. For example, in January 1983 pessimists outnumbered optimists by 22 points. In February of that year, the EOI stood at minus 10, in March minus 1 and by April plus 6. Immediately before the June 9 election was called, it had risen to plus 14. Within a few months it was back down to minus 21.

Before April last year, the EOI bottomed at minus 17; by the time the election was held it had reached plus 21, but by October it had plummeted to minus 46.

ECONOMIC OPTIMISM INDEX

Q "Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next twelve months?"*



*Graph represents those who think it will get worse taken away from those who think it will improve

Base 1,633 Source: MORI

Traditional supporters abandon Tories

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORT for the government is sharply declining among men, people over 35 and the working class, and even Conservative supporters are deeply unhappy with the way it is running the country, according to MORI's latest survey.

Labour has moved into a 12-point lead over the Conservatives, compared with 8 points last month.

The survey, taken across the country on February 18-22, puts support for Labour at 46 per cent, the Conservatives on 34 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 16 per cent.

John Major's personal rating has taken another severe knock, with 64 per cent of the public dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job, including 30 per cent of Conservative supporters.

There is no great comfort in the figures for John Smith, however. They suggest he has yet to make a breakthrough with the public. Thirty-five per cent are dissatisfied with his work, including 25 per cent of his own supporters. The survey was taken before he declared his intention this week to lessen Labour's links with the unions, and colleagues will hope that he benefits from the higher profile he has taken in recent weeks.

Paddy Ashdown remains the most popular party leader; 43 per cent are satisfied with the way he is leading his party. Only 15 per cent of Liberal Democrat supporters expressed misgivings.

Most worrying for the government are the figures suggesting that 50 per cent of the men interviewed said they would vote Labour if there were an election tomorrow, and 56 per cent in the 55-64 age group would vote Labour. Among men, Labour leads the Conservatives by 20 points; among women the gap is only 5 points.

Two thirds of men, and six in ten women, are dissatisfied with Mr Major's performance. Among people aged between 35 and 64, two-thirds are dissatisfied with him. About six in ten of mortgageholders and those who own their homes outright are unhappy with him.

Professor Robert Worcester, chairman of Market Opinion and Research International, said: "I have never seen the Conservative party in as much trouble with its natural constituencies as it is today."

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,633 adults aged 18 and over at 147 constituency sampling points across Britain on February 18-22. Interviews were conducted face to face and data weighted to match the profile of the population. The voting intention figures exclude 7 per cent who said they would not vote, 5 per cent who were undecided and 2 per cent who refused to name a party.

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Labour urges extra spending on skills

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR stepped up its campaign to fight unemployment by holding its first national rally on jobs in Swindon, Wiltshire, last night.

Launching the party's crusade for the jobless, which will focus on Tory marginal seats, Gordon Brown and Margaret Beckett outlined a three-point plan to boost employment.

In some parts of Britain a thousand people were chasing every job, "the real national lottery" according to Mr Brown, shadow Chancellor. "Having been promised a recovery, employment action, a youth-training guarantee and an end to repossessions, this government is guilty of the betrayal of Britain."

The government's failure to utilise skills and to invest in industry and people was at the heart of the country's economic decline, Mr Brown said.

He urged Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to implement emergency measures to reduce unemployment before the Budget next month. These should include a jobs programme financed by tax measures such as keeping stamp duty on shares and imposing a windfall tax on public utility profits. In addition, Mr Brown called for a skills and training package and an investment programme for industry.

Mrs Beckett, deputy Labour leader, said the government was preaching financial rectitude while three million were on the dole at a cost of £27 billion a year. The Tories also preached law and order when crime and disorder were increasing every day.

Britain should be planning to prosper rather than just struggling to get by, Mrs Beckett said. She also expanded on the need to build up community responsibility, a theme raised last week by Tony Blair, shadow home secretary. "The Tories have encouraged us to abandon our basic sense of shared concern, of responsibility one for another."

Self-interest and common interest went hand in hand, she said. "They are two sides of the same coin. They do not compete, they co-exist. Without respect for the collective good we will lose respect for individual rights."

Mr Brown called for a summit of government departments to bring forward an emergency jobs programme to cut unemployment. If Britain's most successful companies were laying off thousands of people then Britain's smaller companies were likely to be in even deeper trouble without a budget for jobs, he said. "It is time that we had a government that will conquer unemployment."

Bill aims to curb Scottish stabbings

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE law in Scotland about the carrying of knives is to be brought into line with the rest of Britain in an attempt to cut down the high number of stabbings north of the border. The Scottish Office is expected to announce in the next few days that it will support a private member's bill which aims to make the carrying of knives illegal in Scotland without good reason or lawful authority.

At present, under Scots law the prosecution must prove that a knife is being carried unlawfully and for a malicious purpose. Under English law, the onus is on the defendant to prove that the knife is being carried legally. A change in the law would make it easier to prosecute those carrying knives.

John McFall, the Labour MP for Dumbarton, last week presented a private member's bill to the Commons calling for section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 to be implemented in Scotland. This would bring Scotland into line with England on the carrying of knives. Mr McFall's bill has the backing of the Opposition and is believed to have galvanised the Scottish Office into action.

The Scottish Office is likely to back a rival private member's bill by the Conservative MP for Ayr, Phil Gallie, which could be presented to the House in the next few days. Assuming it is not opposed, the bill could become law by the end of this parliamentary session.

Mr Gallie, who lodged his bill with the Scottish Office some time ago, said the new law would be only one step "in bringing sanity back on to the streets.

"The police would then be able to apprehend people carrying knives but it would be up to the prosecutor and the courts to deal with offenders properly. It would be no good if people carrying knives are given a small fine and then allowed back on to the streets."

The move to tighten Scottish law come after the stabbing of Paul Sheldon, a 20-year-old art student, in Edinburgh three weeks ago. Mr Sheldon was buried on Wednesday. At his funeral, the Rev Roy Manson of Balerno parish church, Lothian, made a plea for people to stop carrying knives.

Strathclyde police has been running a campaign for the past month in an effort to reduce knife-related crimes. Part of the campaign involves a knife amnesty. So far, 3,854 knives have been handed in to the police.

The Strathclyde force is at present testing knife-proof vests for its officers.

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President targets Russian reforms as a top priority on his overseas agenda

Clinton agrees to an April summit with beleaguered Yeltsin

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ President Clinton is unequivocal about Moscow: the much criticised reform programme must be allowed to go ahead

PRESIDENT Clinton, concerned by Boris Yeltsin's precarious political position, has agreed to hold his first official summit with the Russian leader on April 4.

The US was determined to support the "cause of reform in Russia" said Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, as he made the announcement after meeting Andrei Kozyrev, his Russian counterpart, in Geneva yesterday. It will be held in a neutral location yet to be decided and may well necessitate Mr Clinton's first overseas trip since taking office.

The two men's only previous meeting was during Mr Yeltsin's state visit to Washington last June. At that time, Mr Clinton was still only a Democratic presidential nominee and he paid a brief call on the Russian leader while he was staying at Blair House, the official US guest house. The two men have spoken several times by telephone since and the Russians had been pushing for an early summit ever since last November's election.

Mr Clinton is said to be very concerned about Mr Yeltsin's position and agreeing to a summit is one way of demonstrating political support for the Russian's reform efforts. Apart possibly from Bosnia, Russia is his top foreign policy priority and was high on the agenda of his meetings with John Major on Wednesday.

The two leaders both expressed strong support for Mr Yeltsin at their joint press conference, and said they did not believe his position was threatened, but there is some disagreement within the administration on that point.

Last week Richard Armitage, a State Department official who co-ordinates aid to

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the republics of the former Soviet Union, said he believed Mr Yeltsin's days were "somewhat numbered" and that the Russian leader was "about at the end of his usefulness". On Monday the State Department publicly disavowed Mr Armitage's views, which threatened to undermine Mr Yeltsin's position, and announced Mr Armitage's replacement by Thomas Simons.

According to a senior European diplomat, Mr Clinton well understands that "if things go wrong in Russia everything else becomes 10 times worse".

Because of Russia's historical links with Serbia, her support is essential if the US attempts to negotiate a peaceful settlement in Bosnia are to have any chance of success.

The collapse of central authority in Russia could spawn any number of new ethnic conflicts. Russia still has a huge nuclear arsenal and nuclear technologies which the West is to prevent hostile developing nations from acquiring. Alternatively a new hard line Russian government could revive Cold War hostilities and wreck the new spirit of co-operation at the UN which has emerged.

Mr Clinton acknowledged on Wednesday that Mr Yeltsin was having trouble with Congress, but said it was a "grave error to assume that he cannot continue and do well. I believe he can." The administration is seeking to increase its economic aid to Russia this year. Mr Clinton has appointed Strobe Talbot, his old friend and fellow Rhodes Scholar, to be ambassador-at-large with overall responsibility for co-ordinating US policy towards Russia and the other former Soviet republics. He has nominated Thomas Pickering, one of America's most distinguished diplomats, to be ambassador to Russia.

"We are putting a lot of effort into trying to support democracy and economic recovery there," Mr Clinton said. "I have placed a great priority on this." Mr Major called Mr Yeltsin the "best hope for the Russians" and the reforms he had in mind "the right ways forward".

At the same press conference in Geneva, Mr Christopher and his Russian counterpart announced that Arab and Israeli negotiators would be invited to resume their stalled Washington peace talks in April. Mr Christopher said the official co-sponsors of the talks were issuing invitations "based on the judgment about when the parties would be willing to recommence".

"The very strong consensus in the Middle East is that the parties want to return to the negotiations," Mr Christopher said. The negotiations would be held in Washington "during the month of April."

□ **Aspin back:** Les Aspin, US Defence Secretary, was released from a hospital yesterday after four days of treatment for a heart condition. *(AP)*

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Leaders' farewell: President Clinton takes his leave of Mr Major after reassuring the prime minister and an entourage of senior industrialists that America is not about to water down its commitment to free trade

Major returns home with fears of protectionism diminished

FROM PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major's first meeting with Bill Clinton was a success because the president decided that it should be. His extravagant public embrace of the prime minister at the White House was intended to push to one side the earlier murmurings about divisions — whether over last year's campaign, differences of ideology or policy disputes.

Much more significant, Mr Clinton and his senior advisers also reassured the Major team, and accompanying senior industrialists, that America is not about to water down its commitment to free trade.

On potentially divisive areas, both leaders emphasised their common ground. Mr Major repeatedly welcomed the American decision to start air drops of humanitarian relief in parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina, despite the private doubts of some of his advisers about whether this will have much benefit. In his eyes it is better for America to be involved. Similarly, Mr Clinton toned down his campaign call for a peace envoy to Northern Ireland and the British side is confident that the American initiative will be downgraded to a fact-finding mission.

Mr Major and Mr Clinton showed, to nobody's surprise, that they could work together. As Mr Major said yesterday, in a curious echo of Baroness Thatcher's remarks about Mikhail Gorbachev, "I find him very easy to do business with". Both leaders have an eye for detail.

For Mr Major the trip was

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largely incident-free (no gaffes or snubs for the tabloids to savour). The 36-hour visit provided him with an opportunity to get to know the new team. During Wednesday's press conference he appeared nervous at the podium beside Mr Clinton. The new president has a more bustling and fluent style than George Bush had and the prime minister appeared to need some time to adjust.

If this week's visit is remembered for anything, it will be for the reduction of some of the British, and European, apprehensions about the dangers of creeping protectionism in America. Mr Major implied tactfully yesterday that after the long transition the administration was getting its act together.

This reassurance was signalled both publicly at the White House news conference and in the meetings which the Major team had with key American economic and trade officials. Mickey Kantor, the trade representative, particularly impressed the British team.

Mr Clinton publicly underlined his commitment to putting "a real effort into a successful completion of the round" — the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). British officials are hopeful that the extension of the fast-track authority (simplifying congressional discussion of any deal) may not be open-ended and that any extension may be for much longer than the end of this year.

Sir Michael Angus, the president of the Confederation of British Industry, and Howard Davies, its director-general, have been in Washington this week, working with the Major team and seeing senior members of the administration. They have been reassured, not only by the administration's general commitment over the Gatt world trade talks, but also by Clinton officials' comments on specific issues.

The proposed increase in taxes on foreign companies with American subsidiaries is likely to have a smaller impact than originally feared. American officials have been saying that the changes will tighten up enforcement rather than alter the way in which such multinationals are taxed — though there remain uncertainties about whether closer auditing of tax bills will increase payments.

On trade, it is now clear that Mr Clinton's criticisms of European subsidies to the Airbus project were geared more to his audience of Boeing aircraft workers in Seattle than indicating a fundamental shift in policy. There are stirrings on Capitol Hill, which will try to influence the re-examination of last year's agreement, due in July.

Captain goes to bat for Britain

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

FLORAL arrangements in the background changed as John Major gave four network television interviews in rapid succession in his Washington hotel room yesterday: the questions did not. All the interviewers wanted to know what the matter was with Britain.

Was the monarchy in long-term trouble? What did the brutal murder of two-year-old James Bulger

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say about the state of society? Why did 49 per cent of Britons want to live somewhere else? Had conservatism outstayed its welcome in Britain, as it had in America?

If the interviewers were a barometer of US public opinion, Britain is no longer viewed as the land of Shakespeare, royalty and pretty villages but as a distinctly troubled nation.

The tone of the interviews quickly diverted the prime minister's own media entourage from its interest in affairs of state. Was he not alarmed at Britain's poor new image? "It's an inaccurate picture," Mr Major retorted.

"When a country is coming out of a recession that's been lengthy, perceptions abroad often lag behind reality," he said. Doing his bit for Britain's economic recovery, he invited Americans with "misguided impressions" to go and see for themselves.

In the network interviews Mr Major played all the requisite strokes with his customary straight bat and, more remarkably, a straight face. The monarchy was an "enduring institution ... not in any difficulty at all", he declared.

Violent crime in Britain was "very small compared to the amount of violent crime in many other countries, indeed, if I may say so, in Washington itself", he said, referring to the city's reputation as the world's murder capital.

The prime minister did his best for Britain at the crease, but in America there is a tremendous nostalgia for "Maggie". Her successor is seen as distinctly lacklustre. The trouble with his fine words was that, this side of the Atlantic, they commanded precious little attention.

Leaders signal Irish fact-finding mission

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

JOHN Major signalled yesterday that he and President Clinton had agreed that America would send a fact-finder instead of a special envoy to Northern Ireland, thereby avoiding a potentially bitter dispute between Britain and America.

"It isn't a question of sending a peace envoy," the prime minister said. "There will be a question of sending someone to gather the facts in Northern

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Ireland" and fact-finding missions were "always welcome". He left an announcement to Mr Clinton, who is expected to speak about the issue on St Patrick's Day, March 17.

Mr Clinton had promised to appoint a special envoy while campaigning in Irish-American communities last year, but the two men appeared to have reached an understanding during their meetings in Washington on Wednesday that the person appointed would in no sense be a negotiator or mediator. The British government was also anxious that the mission should be delayed until after the local elections in May.

State Department officials have approached Tom Foley, the House Speaker, informally about taking on the job, but he is said to be reluctant. Irish-American leaders in New York have begun promoting Jimmy Carter, the former president, although there is no indication that he is being seriously considered.

□ **New York:** Two men appeared in a New York court yesterday charged with trying to buy surface-to-air missiles to ship to the IRA (Ben Macintyre writes). Luciano Calbrese, 35, and John Monsolino, 45, pleaded not guilty to negotiating with an undercover FBI agent to buy two Stinger anti-aircraft missiles for £100,000.

Bormann may join Paraguay's grim roll-call

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

NEW evidence that Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's right-hand man and constant companion, may have died in Paraguay in 1959 has added yet another infamous name to the list of those who have found a safe haven in South America's most anonymous country.

Sealed off from the rest of the world by geography, history and politics, Paraguay has proved a magnet for men on the run: criminals, drug dealers, ousted dictators and, perhaps most notoriously, escaping Nazis.

The South American Bureau, a research group on Latin American affairs, estimates that "many hundreds of Nazis from Europe sought refuge in Paraguay in isolated agricultural colonies". Bormann was thought to have died, like Hitler, by his own hand in a Berlin bunker in 1945, and the West German government closed its files on Hitler's sycophantic aide 20 years ago.

However, sightings of Bormann have continued to crop up, now in Argentina, now in Brazil. Evidence that he lived in the German colony of Hohenau, on Paraguay's southern border, and died of stomach cancer there in 1959, surfaced this week in secret police files in the capital of Asunción.

If they are authenticated, Bormann will join the grim parade of those who have found undeserved safety and peace in Paraguay, which reads like a roll-call of the 20th century's most-wanted and reviled: Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz doctor; Anastasio Somoza, the Nicaraguan dictator; SS captain Eduard Roschmann, the "Butcher of Riga"; Joseph August Ricorde, the heroin trafficker; Croat right-wing extremists, Italian Fascists and many more.

Paraguay's unenviable reputation as a refuge for the world's least attractive humans was largely the work of one man: Alfredo Stroessner, Paraguay's brutal dictator of 34 years who was overthrown in a coup in 1989 and who now lives in quiet senility in Brazil.

The newly-discovered files are reported to contain further evidence of General Strossner's complicity in a string of political murders and human rights abuses, prompting renewed talk of extradition. General Stroessner, the son of a Bavarian brewer, reputedly maintained a fondness for fleeing German fascists, although the extent of the help he gave fugitive Nazis will probably never be known.

Paraguay was the last South American country to declare war on Nazi Germany, and then with obvious reluctance. Of Paraguay's estimated 100,000 citizens of German origin, only the tiniest minority could be accused of having Nazi sympathies. In German, when it is referred to at all, this group is called *Der Spinne*, the spider's web.

The best-known Nazi fugitive to make Paraguay his home was Mengele, the hideously cruel doctor of the Auschwitz death camp who was granted Paraguayan citizenship in 1959: he did not bother to use a false name on his application form.



Safe haven: Bormann, pictured in his heyday with Hitler, allegedly went to ground in Paraguay

Long after Mengele moved to Brazil — and even after his apparent death in a swimming accident in 1979 — Nazi hunters, Western governments and even the Paraguayans assumed he was still somewhere in the backwaters of the Paraguayan hinterland.

Like Bormann, Mengele was believed to have hidden in the southern border town of Hohenhau, perhaps the most staunchly German and secretive of numerous German colonies scattered throughout the country.

According to *Noticias*, Paraguay's leading newspaper the Auschwitz doctor treated Bormann at the colony in 1958, and Hitler's aide is reportedly buried in a graveyard 22 miles south of Asunción.

Over the past half century the tales of Mengele sometimes assumed fantastic proportions: he was said to be Stroessner's personal physician; to own a ranch in the Gran' Chaco, Paraguay's vast western wilderness; to practise medicine, horribly enough, among the poor children of the shanty towns.

He was even rumoured to patronise certain clubs in Asunción, where he was said to swagger in of an evening, flanked by bodyguards, and then drink with a revolver beside him at the bar.

The smallest Paraguayan *pueblito* (particularly those of German origin) will, if pressed, dredge up a story about the Auschwitz doctor — possibly true, probably not, but evidence of the enduring Mengele myth. By the time the Paraguayan government got around to revoking Mengele's citizenship, 17 years after granting it, he was long gone.

Mengele was not lacking for like-minded company. As late as 1977, Eduard Roschmann, the sadistic SS officer whose story was fictionalised by Frederick Forsyth in *The Odessa File*, died in an Asunción hospital.

For Paraguay, still struggling to establish democracy after 34 years of dictatorship, the history Nazi fugitives is yet another burden to add to General Strossner's legacy. For others, including those who protected or have made a living out of hunting such men as Mengele, the sentiments are more ambivalent. In 1990, in San Bernardino, a tiny German colony outside Asunción, I met Ernie Saug, whose obsession with Nazi fugitives had taken over his life. A German-American born in Boston, he had spent 30 years sifting through files and wandering Paraguay's forgotten places in search of the Auschwitz doctor. In his tiny, rank-smelling hut surrounded by dripping forest, he played me his only tape on a scratchy, battery-operated cassette player: the reedy voice of a man plaintively singing in German.

"That is Josef Mengele," he announced.

It was said with chilling pride, even reverence: a stark reminder of an ugly stain on Paraguay that will not wash away.

'Victory' declared by Castro

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

FIDEL Castro, the Cuban president, yesterday declared an "overwhelming victory" in the country's first democratic elections since 1959 and announced that he hoped he would not be ruling the country in five years' time.

"I hope my compatriots will understand that others can do the same, or much better that I can," he said. "I say this in all sincerity," he added.

Dr Castro, 66, referred to himself as a "slave of duty, a slave of the revolution" and said: "We're all biological beings. Time passes and the years pass. Even marathon runners get tired." He thought he had run farther than required "in this very long revolutionary marathon".

He made his remarks after polling stations closed in the eastern city of Santiago, where he stood as a candidate. Early indications of voter turn-out suggest that Dr Castro has pulled off another political victory by securing the election of all the Communist party candidates for the 589-seat parliament.

Dr Castro said he thought about 98 per cent of the electorate had turned out. The truth is that Dr Castro's success over the poll was never in much doubt. Under Cuba's one-party system none of the seats was contested, although candidates did have to muster at least 50 per cent support. Some observers, however, had expected to see a high abstention rate and a large number of spoiled ballots.

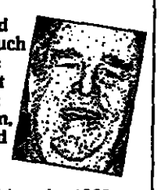
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Doubts persist over air drops

Major backs Clinton's strategy on Bosnia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major left Washington yesterday affirming his support for the latest version of an American plan to parachute relief supplies into eastern Bosnia, and said Britain might offer some sort of logistical support. But he also made clear his doubts about the air drop's chances of success.

The choice was doing nothing to relieve the suffering in those parts of Bosnia unreachable by overland convoys or, "despite all the logistical difficulties, try and deliver from the air and see whether its successful," said the prime minister, who added that President Clinton had taken a "brave decision" in view of the "great technical problems" involved.

Mr Major said Britain had not been asked to participate in the operation, and said that "the right thing to do is for us to continue with our ground effort; the US to look at the air drop". He claimed the relief operations of British troops in central Bosnia had probably saved 200,000 lives, and Mr Clinton accepted that Britain was doing its part.

The prime minister also disagreed with the assessment of UN commanders on the ground that the air drop could antagonise the Serbs and endanger the peacekeepers' lives and work. "I don't see any risk to British troops from dropping humanitarian aid to other parts of Bosnia," he said.

Mr Major's confidence on that score probably reflected the rapidly evolving nature of the proposed air drop. Originally conceived as a response to Serbian efforts to starve Bosnian Muslims into submission, it has now become a strictly humanitarian undertaking designed to "help anybody who needs the food and medicine", Mr Clinton said after his meeting with Mr Major.

To minimise the chances of confrontation US warplanes would not escort the transport aircraft. The food and medicine would be dropped on both Serb and Muslim communities. The C130s would fly at high altitude to avoid ground fire, meaning the deliveries would be inaccurate, but the villages would be leafleted in advance, Mr Clinton said.

"If we notify the people about what we're dropping ... to whatever extent people need it they'll be on the lookout for it, and if they have to walk a mile instead of half a mile for it, we think they will," he said. The president added that it would be "a great mistake to view this humanitarian operation as a foray into a wider military role".

A formal announcement of the operation has been repeatedly delayed this week as the White House has tried to meet allies' concerns and win the assent of the warring parties. Turkey has offered to participate.

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Cold as the grave: two Bosnians kneeling in prayer beside the grave of a civilian at Sarajevo's Lion cemetery yesterday. Heavy snowfalls in the past few days have blanketed the city, while temperatures have plunged to around -10C after what has been a relatively mild winter

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American policy may derail the Owen-Vance plan

BY ROGER BOYES

President Clinton's determination to go ahead with humanitarian air drops over Bosnia has radically reordered the peace process and opened up rifts that may eventually derail the Vance-Owen plan.

The United Nations and European Community sponsored plan, drawn up by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, set clear priorities in the Balkans: diplomatic pressure was to be applied to all the warring sides to agree on a map and constitution for the future Bosnia. Later a big UN force, with American involvement, would move in to implement the plan, disarm militias and, if necessary, silence the guns around beleaguered cities.

These priorities are about to be reversed. The air drops still stop short of a military operation but they have immediately changed the vocabulary of the conflict. Now the talk is of load-delivery ratio, of the relative vulnerability of army cargo aircraft, of how best to dodge surface-to-air missiles. The diplomatic quest to sign up the Bosnian Muslims and the Bosnian Serbs continues but there is a sense that little will be achieved while the airborne missions are under way.

When President Clinton grudgingly agreed to the Vance-Owen format for peace, the question of enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia was put on the back burner.

There were good reasons for this. If policing the air meant strafing Serbian gun emplacements, then British and French ground troops would be dangerously exposed. If Awacs reconnaissance planes were to be used to spot targets, then the German crews, constitutionally barred from combat, might refuse to fly.

Now, however, command of the skies has become important again. President Clinton's approach to the military appears to be to tread softly, step by step. It is now agreed that the aid planes will fly high, at 12,000 ft, out of range of surface-to-air missiles. Everyone realises that this may make a nonsense of the operation: strong, changing winds are a particular feature of eastern Bosnia. Soon, therefore, the cargo planes are likely to come lower to drop their loads with more precision. That suggests either the need for fighter support or an enforced no-fly zone.

The military risks of low altitude delivery are perhaps not quite as high as they are being pitched by the military establishment. Weapons and supplies were flown through heavy German flak to Poland during the Warsaw uprising and there were remarkably few casualties. The political risks, however, are indeed high. If a Serb missile shoots down an aid plane, the United States will immediately be confronted with the problem of how to retaliate.

If a Muslim fighter — perhaps trying to provoke a military intervention — poses as a Serb and knocks out a plane, the relationship between America and the Bosnian government will be ruptured. Nor, in the Balkan context, is it out of the question for a Serb to pose as a Muslim posing as a Serb to discredit the Muslims.

Yet, if all goes well, the air drops may prove useful to the peace process. First, they will maintain the level of public anger about Serb behaviour. The air drops would after all be unnecessary if the Serbs unblocked the approach roads to eastern Bosnia. Second, if the air drops are accompanied by intensive on-the-ground diplomacy, an important new precedent may be set. Too much bargaining has been left to the unskilled UN aid team stuck in frozen trucks. The full force of Western and Russian diplomacy could be deployed to persuade the Serbs and the Bosnian Muslims to hold their fire during the aid delivery. Finally, Serbian public opinion itself — though it is swayed by tightly controlled media — may swing against the Bosnian Serb militia.

Serbs ordered not to fire on relief flights

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE

IN a further softening of the Bosnian Serb position on US relief air drops to the east of the country, their forces have been ordered not to open fire on relief flights, the Belgrade-based news agency Tanjug reported yesterday.

In a written communiqué the general staff of the Bosnian Serb army said that all units have been instructed not to hinder the aircraft in any way or obstruct the delivery of aid. The promises are based less on a sudden outbreak of philanthropy by the Bosnian Serbs towards their Muslim enemies across the front line — Bosnian Serb forces have repeatedly obstructed UN relief convoys — but on two strong fears. Firstly, that if a US relief plane is shot down Bosnian Serb forces will probably be blamed whether or not they are guilty. They fear that the Bosnian government forces could shoot down a plane and that would be used as a pretext for American air strikes against rebel Bosnian Serb positions.

Secondly, memories of the second world war, when Allied forces dropped arms to Tito's partisans, are still strong. Bosnian Serbs fear that if they are blamed for shooting at relief planes the West will use it as an excuse to break the arms embargo on Bosnia and start parachuting in the heavy weapons the government forces say they need. UN aid officials say that in the past relief flights to Sarajevo have come under fire from three sides and last summer one was shot down, an act for which the UN blamed Bosnian Croat forces.

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Gaullists' rebellious prophet senses turn of Maastricht tide



Séguin: favours closer contacts with London

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

IN MOST elections, the artillery fires across party lines, but not in the France of 1993. The governing Socialists, resigned to defeat next month, are submitting to a "big bang" and rebirth, as proposed by Michel Rocard. On the other side, the Gaullists are coming under fire from one of their own heavyweights, Philippe Séguin.

Six months after taking centre-stage as "Monsieur No" in the Maastricht referendum campaign, the redoubtable M Séguin is back on the warpath, skewering his own party's plans for government and pronouncing in Churchillian tones on the dire state of France. "I am a nuisance and they firmly wish I would shut up. But they are just not proposing anything that's different," M Séguin told *The Times* as he settled his bulk into the armchair of a little private jet. He was flying to Le Mans, where he would again denounce Maastricht and the monetary system.

On Monday, Nicolas Sarkozy, a deputy leader of the Gaullist RPR, tried to rein him in, saying that nobody should try to "build their destiny on the bankruptcy of our political family". Reference to M Sarkozy produces a booming chortle from M Séguin. He relishes being able to say "I told you so" over Maastricht. "Those who voted 'yes' are regretting it and those who voted 'no' are glad they did." Polls confirm that a majority now oppose the treaty.

Chain-smoking his beloved Gitanes, M Séguin, 49, sketched his fears for France, Britain and Europe as his plane flew southwest from Paris. High interest rates imposed by Germany are leading France to ruin and social explosion. Rather than let the franc float, however, he said that the next government would continue the Socialist policy of the strong currency, rush to make the state bank independent and create a franc-mark zone. "France is going to throw itself into the arms of Germany. It's because we fear them and it has always been that way." Support for breaking the franc-mark link is growing in the French business world.

☐ Philippe Séguin relishes being the nuisance of his RPR party. The role might stand him in good stead in years to come

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While Britain was right to float the pound, he said, it had failed to apply the necessary economic discipline and had wasted a fine opportunity to influence events in Europe. "It would be better if the English behaved more pragmatically. Britain could have had a leading role in Europe if it had rallied the minority countries." France, he says, should rebalance its diplomacy towards London.

Although an ardent Gaullist, M Séguin has a good feel for Britain, ranging from an encyclopaedic knowledge of English football to an admiration of Churchill and Baroness Thatcher. His daughter is working on a *PhD* at Loughborough University. He has described himself in Tory terms as a "wet".

Later, in Allonnes, a communist-run suburb of Le Mans, M Séguin delivered the same apocalyptic message to a packed hall of RPR faithful. The purpose was to support the re-election of François Fillon, the local Gaullist *député* (MP) and Séguin protégé, whose wife Penelope comes from Abergavenny. The crowd listened quietly to a magisterial Séguin lecture redolent of his Maastricht speeches. "France is staring at disaster ... The experts laughed at me when I said it before. Now the recession is here. Such generalised deflation has not happened since the 1930s."

Not all France's troubles could be blamed on socialism, he said. Greed and shortsightedness had created an "existential crisis". Instead of making promises, the centre-right coalition headed by Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the centrist chief, must tell the truth now, before the elections, about the need for sacrifice. Higher taxes were needed. "The Mitterrand years will be behind us on March 28. It is time to give France back its history."

Back in his plane, M Séguin seemed surprised that his speech might be viewed as pessimistic. He agreed that he was offering "blood, sweat and tears", but insisted that the purpose was full of hope.

M Séguin, who writes history books in his spare time, makes light of his ambitions, noting that his views had barred him from a government portfolio. Even if Edouard Balladur, the likely Gaullist prime minister, wanted him now, the financial markets would not stand for it, he jokes. But the next government has only two years at the most to prove itself before the presidential election. If it discredits itself, the way will be open to M Séguin.

He would not be alone, however. François Léotard, the centre-right politician, yesterday called for the right to stage its own "big bang" of new ideas. M Séguin says he will defer to M Chirac's Gaullist candidacy in 1995 but he is making no secret of his plans to run in the future.

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Hindu leaders held as Rao's show of force routs militant rally

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

TENS of thousands of police and paramilitary forces beat back a mass assault on Delhi yesterday by chanting Hindu militants, blasting them with water cannon and teargas as they attempted to break into central areas of the capital.

It was the first time in three months of political chaos and religious violence that the government has demonstrated resolve to confront Hindu extremists. The administration clearly intends to start meeting force with force, opening an era of violent confrontation.

The security operation was the biggest Delhi has seen, involving 50,000 police and 35,000 paramilitary troops who set up human barricades as the marchers charged down broad city streets and back roads to try to reach the showpiece central area, the Boat Club. The government banned gatherings of more than four people in central Delhi and ordered all roads into the city to be sealed days ago. Even so, thousands of supporters of the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have slipped into the capital in recent days and at about 11am yesterday they took to the streets.

Murli Manohar Joshi, a senior BJP leader, was taken to hospital after one incident. He emerged from a building in central Delhi, followed by 200 supporters waving saffron flags, the colour of Hindu militancy, and strode down the street as officers in helmets moved towards him. Teargas canisters began exploding at his feet and a water cannon blasted him in the chest.

As he reached the police lines his supporters continued shoving, crushing him against police shields, and he started choking from teargas. He slipped to the ground, apparently unconscious, and was carried away by supporters who then drove him to hospital. He was given oxygen and placed under police arrest.

Lal Krishna Advani, another BJP leader, courted arrest and was taken away in a police vehicle. It was a day of arrests: with prisons overflowing, the government commandeered sports stadiums and schools for use as makeshift jails. Across the country, tens of thousands of people were detained to stop them reaching the capital.

The city, with its population of nearly eight million, was brought practically to a standstill by the police operation. Roadblocks were set up every few hundred yards on main highways. Most schools and businesses closed and tourists were trapped in their hotels.

It was a measure of the government's determination to defeat the demonstrators that it brought in the Punjab Constabulary, the most brutal and experienced anti-riot paramilitary force in the country. They demonstrated keen enthusiasm for their job yesterday, plunging into yelling mobs and thrashing them with *lathis* (heavy bamboo canes), screaming encouragement to each other as they did so.

Both sides claim to have won. Although the BJP failed in its objective of sending hundreds of thousands of people to Delhi, it did demonstrate its tremendous power to generate fear and to force the government on the defensive. It boasted, with justification, that its supporters had obeyed orders not to be violent. The police also exercised restraint, and casualties were surprisingly low.

The government can claim victory by saying it upheld the rule of law and protected the city from mobs that might have ransacked it. Certainly the confrontation marks an end to the government's hitherto muddled response to the BJP threat. P.V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, ordered the security clampdown to redeem himself for failing to protect the Babri mosque in the holy city of Ayodhya, which was torn down by BJP supporters on December 6.

The BJP's stated objective was to force the government into agreeing to the construction of a temple on the site of the destroyed Babri mosque, which supposedly occupied the site of the birthplace of Lord Ram, the Hindu god. It is also demanding early elections in four states it used to govern before being dismissed in December for its role in destroying the mosque.

The broader purpose of the violent campaign is to force the government into an early general election. The BJP has tapped a vein of Hindu prejudice, especially among the middle classes, and would almost certainly increase its parliamentary strength if there were an early poll. It now has 119 seats in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament; it would need about 260 to come to power. Extremists within its ranks are increasingly dominant, raising fears that a BJP government would introduce a theocratic Hindu state.



Boxed in: Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, surrounded yesterday by primary school pupils in Peking, where he is promoting China's first professional boxing tournament since 1949. Tomorrow's event has been billed as "The brawl at the wall"



Beaten back: Murli Manohar Joshi, a BJP leader, collapsed after he was hit by police water jets

Mogadishu clashes halt relief

BY OUR AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN aid workers may have to be evacuated by the United Nations from the Somali capital, Mogadishu, after two days of clashes between youths and the American-led intervention force. At least ten people have been killed and relief operations have been brought to a standstill.

Farouk Mawlawi, the UN spokesman in Somalia, said yesterday that evacuating foreigners would be considered "if the situation goes on". Supporters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, one of the main warlords in Mogadishu, fired at Nigerian and American soldiers.

Although rifles and heavy weapons are supposed to have been banned from the capital, witnesses said that the city was "thick with flying bullets" yesterday and that they could hear the heavy boom of artillery nearby. One aid worker said: "We are simply trapped in our houses and unable to move."

Zaire MPs refuse to yield as troops tighten blockade

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

ZAIRE'S political crisis deepened yesterday as hundreds of penniless soldiers and their wives laid siege to parliamentary buildings in Kinshasa and held MPs captive for a second day.

The soldiers, mainly rank-and-file members of the many branches of Zaire's armed forces which have been fragmented into competing units by President Mobutu, demanded that the five million zaire note, worth £1.35, with which they have been paid for two months be recognised officially.

An estimated 400 members of the transitional parliament, known as the High Council of the Republic, were refusing to bow as this would be seen as a victory for the isolated president who introduced the bills last month without the consent of the council.

Outside the southern regional capital, Lubumbashi, the new notes are not accepted by market traders or businesses. In Lubumbashi, where there is a chronic shortage of currency, the notes are traded at half their face value.

The troops yesterday demanded that Joseph Ileo, vice-chairman of the high council, read a statement on state radio sanctioning the use of the new notes. The showdown could be seen as a test of strength between the opposition-dominated high council and Marshal Mobutu, who was last night recovering in the south of France after a visit to a private dentist.

The soldiers are, however, more likely to be motivated by hunger, since they do not generally support the Mobutu regime, which introduced the notes. Like Zaire's civil servants, the troops have not been paid their wages in full for more than four months while prices have rocketed by 1,000 per cent.

Parliamentarians, who could be reached by portable telephone from inside the chamber, said that the vice-chairman had insisted that he did not have the authority to declare the note legal. Not least because the bill, printed in Britain, contains a French grammatical error. "We're hoping he will negotiate our freedom," one delegate said. The soldiers said they would keep up the siege of the parliament building until a solution was found.

Elsewhere in the country businessmen managed to gather enough small denomination notes last month to swap for the controversial currency and to buy off the army in their areas after a looting spree in Kinshasa, which left at least 1,000 people dead.

Then many of the dead were ordinary soldiers killed by Marshal Mobutu's presidential guard, but yesterday the guard did not attempt to break the blockade of the parliament buildings.

Long-time residents of the capital would have seen yesterday's impasse as worrying but routine; this is at least the third time in the past 12 months that legislators have been held in or kept out of their offices.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Italian party head resigns

Rome: Giorgio La Malfa, the leader of the opposition Republican party, has resigned after being placed under investigation in connection with possible corruption charges (John Phillips writes). The issue relates to the financing of public parties and possible fraud over fees for EC retraining courses in Lombardy.

His decision was announced as Giuliano Amato's government defeated a no confidence vote following last weekend's cabinet reshuffle. The government won by 310 votes to 265.

Help offered

Johannesburg: Britain is formally offering to help Pretoria to set up a system of community policing, Baroness Chalker, the Foreign Office minister, announced here.

Kim takes over

Peking: Kim Young Sam has been inaugurated as South Korea's first civilian president in 32 years. He called for co-operation from North Korea's president.

Sign language

Moscow: Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's mayor, has ordered that the thousands of new business names in foreign languages in the city be translated into Russian. *(Reuter)*

Clapton award

Los Angeles: Eric Clapton, the British rock musician, swept the Grammy awards winning Record, Album and Song of the Year. His song *Tears in Heaven* was dedicated to his son, killed in a fall. *(Reuter)*

Cleaning up

Peking: Smoggy Peking's residents will have to switch from coal-fired cooking and heating to gas "to ensure clean air for the athletes" if the city wins its bid for the Olympics in 2000. *(Reuter)*

Kuwait struggles to shake off Saddam's shadow

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

KUWAIT, the small oil-rich emirate, today marks the second anniversary of its liberation from Iraq still obsessed by the security threat posed by President Saddam Hussein and rocked by financial scandals.

Although much of the physical environment has been successfully cleansed of the scars of war, the diminished population — down 40 per cent since the 1990 invasion — remains traumatised by the effects of the brutal seven-month occupation. High defence expenditures and military pacts with America, Britain and France plus a memorandum of understanding just signed with Russia have failed to revive national self-confidence.

"Most Kuwaitis keep a four-wheeled drive vehicle and a second house in Switzerland, Cyprus or virtually anywhere in case they have to take to their heels again," a Kuwait-based diplomat said.

In an anniversary message, Shaikh Saad al-Abdallah al-Sabah, crown prince and prime minister, warned Kuwaitis to remain alert to thwart any future aggression from Baghdad. "We should monitor the Iraqi regime continuously, especially his [Saddam's] intentions towards Kuwait," said the shaikh, whose family has relinquished no important positions of power since Iraqi troops invaded the country.

From the Western point of view, the main improvement since the end of the Gulf war has been last year's election of a lively parliament, which has been setting the pace for criticism of the government in an Arab world dominated by autocratic regimes. However, as Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, was quick to remind his hosts during his lightning visit this week, the restricted franchise still excludes women and only embraces about 80,000 of the 1.3 million population.

The parliament has been swift to investigate the embarrassing details surrounding the hasty exit of Kuwait's rulers in 1990. It is suggested that the commander-in-chief of the armed forces fled in his underpants.



Of equal concern to the deputies have been the scandals affecting the financial sector, already damaged by reconstruction costs estimated at $50 billion (£35 billion). The $4 billion Kuwaiti investment empire in Spain collapsed and there have been allegations of corruption involving $100 million in the state-run Kuwait Oil Tanker Company. Parliament has already passed a law granting greater public scrutiny of transactions and incorporating stiff penalties.

Mirroring the national obsession with security, parliament recently enshrined in law the right of citizens to own light weapons, including automatic rifles. "We must not forget what happened on August 2, 1990," said one deputy, in reference to the day Iraqi tanks first crossed the still contested northern border.

China rejects plea for deal on Hong Kong

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING rejected Britain's plea for compromise over the political future of Hong Kong yesterday, repeating its insistence that the reform proposals of Chris Patten, the governor, must be abandoned before China will come to the negotiating table.

"To show its sincerity, the British side must abandon Patten's plans for political reform," Li Jianying, the foreign ministry spokesman said.

The repetition of Peking's hardline position came just a day after the Hong Kong government issued an ultimatum, warning that Mr Patten's democratic reform package would go before the colony's legislature unless China agreed "imminently" to come to the negotiating table.

Mr Patten yesterday postponed publishing the reform bill. Mike Hanson, his spokesman, said the legislation would not appear in today's official gazette.

Mr Patten seems unwilling to postpone the bill's publication until China agrees to talks, while China will not agree to talks until a delay has been announced.

Mr Hanson said: "The governor and the secretary for constitutional affairs made it clear yesterday that postponement beyond the end of February would only be considered if there were good reasons for doing so."

Final verdict on putsch for power

Anne McElvoy meets Gennadi Yanaev and Anatoli Lukyanov, both soon to go on trial for their alleged parts in the failed Moscow coup of 1991



Troika on trial: Yuri Plekhanov, left, Oleg Shenin and Gennadi Yanaev, right, meeting again before their case is heard

The apartment block blends in seamlessly with its architecturally awful neighbours, but any local can tell you where Gennadi Yanaev, the front man of the Kremlin coup of August 1991, lives. The quality of the windows gives it away: you have to have been something pretty special to be double glazed in Moscow.

Mr Yanaev was recently released from prison, together with 11 of his comrades who sought to turn back the clock of reform and restore the fading grandeur of the communist empire. They are to be tried in April on charges of high treason — a crime still punishable by death in Russia — and abuse of office.



Poet's parole: Anatoli Lukyanov at home

Mr Yanaev shuffles to the door in a pair of unmistakably Soviet carpet slippers. These are at sartorial odds with the western shirt and tie he dons for the benefit of foreign journalists.

He looks a lot healthier than when he appeared, sweating and trembling before the television cameras, his hands fighting each other in front of the microphone like angry crabs, to announce the state of emergency and trundle out the old untruth about the president being indisposed, when, in fact, Mikhail Gorbachev was under arrest in his dacha in the Crimea.

Mr Yanaev was reputed to have been drunk throughout the three days which shook the world. It all ended in fiasco, with the plotters quarrelling among themselves about how to run the enterprise before they were hauled off to jail. "I wasn't drunk during the state of emergency," Mr Yanaev says, an affidavit he will repeat another five times during the interview. "I was nervous because I had to tell a small lie at the press conference and say that Gorbachev was ill, and I'm not a good liar."

He has emerged from 16 months in the "Sailors' Rest" jail to the north of Moscow. "It was terrible. You know what conditions are like in our prisons — they are like public toilets." There are stranger things in the new Russia than any of us dreamt of just a couple of years ago, but the former vice-president of the Soviet Union complaining about the inhumane conditions of the Motherland's prisons takes some beating.

The flat he shares with his wife, Rosa, is neat and stiflingly quiet, smelling of furniture polish and shrivelled power. In similar settings, the coup participants, 12 ragged apostles of die-hard communism, each try to convince their countrymen that they did not mean to arrest the president, to bring tanks onto the streets, to hasten the end of the Soviet Union and the fragmentation of the communist party. It was not like that at all, says Mr Yanaev.

"They use the most terrible words about us: putschists, fascists, junta. But we were not the ones who brought disorder. We were faced with a situation in which there would be total chaos or where we had the last chance to stabilise things. We were just idealists."

The "total chaos" which prompted Mr Yanaev and his colleagues to putsch for power was the Union Treaty, which was due to be signed by President Gorbachev in Moscow on August 20, 1991. Under strong pressure from the Baltic independence movement, and latterly that of Ukraine, the treaty mandated the transfer of so much authority to the republics, including the right to secede from Moscow and enter a looser federation, effectively to end the centralised Soviet Union.

The prospect of the empire breaking up was too much for the hardliners. Three days before the treaty was to be signed the State Committee for the State of Emergency, led by Vladimir Kruchkov, the KGB chief, Dimitri Yazov, the defence minister, and Valentine Pavlov, the prime minister, was formed. The committee needed a frontman who could lend the takeover a superficial appearance of legality, and it approached Vice-president Yanaev, who agreed without hesitation. When President Gorbachev refused to turn over power to his deputy, he was told that he was under house arrest.

Mr Yanaev's betrayal, as Mr Gorbachev was to recall afterwards, was a grave personal disappointment. But it was also the result of his own arrogance and naivety in assuming that he could protect himself from challenges by appointing an uninspired deputy.

Nicknamed "The Glass", because of his heavy drinking, Mr Yanaev rose through the trade union movement rather than the party — a second-class CV as far as the senior apparatchiks were concerned. The CIA noticed that he was "an old-fashioned functionary unlikely to play a vital or independent role in the political life of his country".

This turned out to be something of a misjudgment, but the instinct was not entirely wrong. Mr Yanaev was not up to the business of running a coup. Unwittingly, he admits as much himself. In his muddled attempts to justify his actions, he incriminates himself far more effectively than any prosecution. "We weren't trying to take power. We didn't cut off the parliament's electricity or stop foreign correspondents working," he says. "It's true we did close some newspapers, but they were Soviet ones. The introduction of tanks was a mistake and I was very upset when I looked out of my window and saw them. There had been a lot of disagreement on the Committee and with the rest of us about using the army but it was there to protect the economy not to suppress the people." In total, 5,500 troops were mobilised to "protect the economy" during the coup.

It failed largely because the plotters were taken aback by Boris Yeltsin's defence of the White House and because tens of thousands of Muscovites braved the tanks and armoured personnel carriers to support him. But these factors alone do not explain the sheer incompetence of the organisers, who failed to arrest Mr Yeltsin and ordered the army on to the streets with no clear instructions or signs of combat readiness.

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Fear turned to farce. After a day of monitoring the coup, the CIA concluded that it was "being perpetrated by a bunch of losers". Happily it was right.

Not that Anatoli Lukyanov, the chairman of the old Soviet parliament and a supporter of the state of emergency would think of himself as a loser. He had barely had time to change his prison clothes and consult his ferocious lawyer daughter on a strategy for handling the press (he calls her "my manager"), when he was out at communist party meetings, rallying the old faithful and the new disillusioned to the cause of rebuilding the party.

In prison, Mr Lukyanov wrote two volumes of poetry, and he enthuses over Keats, Byron and Kipling. His intellect is a relief after Mr Yanaev's mediocrity, even if it is combined with a dogmatism so pronounced that he concludes the interview by saying what headline should be put on it in London: "Why Russia will never wear the west's tailormade suit".

As the chairman of the parliament, it was his job to convene the Supreme Soviet to discuss the impromptu change of leadership but he delayed, making it clear that he supported the illegal handover of power. "I was protecting my deputies," he says. "I wanted to prevent a conflict between those who supported the state of emergency and those who opposed it. Otherwise parliament would have been very divided." It is a declaration which speaks volumes about Mr Lukyanov's understanding of democracy.

His only regret is that the efforts to preserve the union failed. "John Major keeps the army in Ulster to stop it seceding. Margaret Thatcher sent troops to the Falklands to keep them British. We should have been prepared to fight to keep the Soviet Union together." He is sure that it will be restored and the coup re-evaluated.

Mr Gorbachev's reputation, meanwhile, is in for a concerted savaging from Mr Lukyanov, another treacherous old friend of the former leader from his university days. He is suggesting that Mr Gorbachev knew of the plan to introduce the state of emergency and merely stayed in his Black Sea dacha to see which way things would go in Moscow.

"You cannot say we staged a putsch," Mr Lukyanov says. "We were preserving the Soviet constitution and it was the president who was acting illegally by preparing to break up the Soviet Union."

He maintains that President Gorbachev still had control over events in Moscow from the Crimea, that his guard could easily have overpowered the bodyguards despatched by the coup organisers, and that he had permanent access to satellite phones and radio contact. In short, that he was a willing victim.

President Gorbachev's alleged co-operation will be one of the most closely watched points of the trial. While few Russians believe the plotters' story that he was party to the whole affair, they also distrust the former leader's emphasis on his own heroism and his claim that he told them to "go to hell".

Valery Rudnev, a senior journalist on the newspaper, *Izvestia*, who has charted the coup's investigations from their beginnings, maintains that there is still an untold inside story. "Gorbachev was always seeking to compromise and to bring conflicting sides together and he probably considered this course at the beginning of the events," he says. "We still do not know what the committee's representatives told him when they flew down to see him or how he reacted. It may be that he was misinformed at first about the seriousness of the situation in Moscow and only realised what was happening when he could not reach anyone. Both sides have their stories and you can believe half of what each side is — but you don't know which half."

There are people who were privy to events in the dacha whose accounts have not yet been made public. They are the technical staff, the fax and telephone operators and the household personnel. But as they were all KGB their accounts may be treated with scepticism by the court.

The basics of the old Soviet system are still largely unreformed in today's Russia and the trial will be conducted by a single judge aided by two "people's representatives". The body of law for both the treason and other charges stems from 1968. " "The court is trying a case involving laws based on an ideology which would not have considered the coup participants' actions to be criminal," Mr Rudnev says. "The judge will have to go much further than applying the law in order to make sense of this case, he will have to reinterpret it in the light of the change in political systems and our understanding of what treason and loyalty mean in these circumstances."

This confusion might seem to offer Mr Yanaev, Mr Lukyanov and the rest of the plotters the prospect of a quiet old age outside prison. But the unfairness ingrained in the legal system of their beloved Soviet Union may well be turned on them. Court proceedings still favour the prosecutor's case and give the defence lawyer, however wily, little influence over the outcome. They are, Mr Rudnev is sure, aware of the bitter irony. "They know the system inside out," he says. "They were its children, after all."

Next Wednesday, Bethnal Green Underground station commemorates the 173 people killed in a wartime disaster

Headlong rush into the dark depths of despair

On Bethnal Green Underground station today, posters carry the familiar warnings about crush: the improbably tiny figure beneath adult feet and the reminder that children are vulnerable. You would walk past it without thinking, if it were not for a particularly grim anniversary to be marked next Wednesday. It happened on March 3, 1943: another Wednesday, at the height of the London blitz.

On that day, hurrying for shelter from an air raid, 173 people were killed on this staircase without a single bomb falling. In all, 62 children, 84 women and 27 men died with a terrible simplicity: at the enquiry, the magistrate said that "the stairway was, in my opinion, converted from a corridor to a charnel house in from ten to 15 seconds. Death was, in all cases examined, due to suffocation and the vast majority showed signs of intense compression."

Newspaper reports of the time explain it, baldly. At 8.17pm, the alert sounded and, in the next ten minutes, over 1,500 people went safely down the stairway (the shelter, an unfinished Tube station, held 9,000 people, with bunks for 5,000).

At 8.27pm, a salvo of anti-aircraft rockets — a new type, unfamiliar to the public — caused a panic surge. At the same time, a woman carrying a baby tripped near the bottom of the 19 steps, starting off a domino effect. People lay, unable to move, their plight invisible to the pressing crowd above because of the blackout. "There was built," said the official Home Office statement, "an immovable and interlaced mass of bodies five, six or more deep."

It took until 11.45pm to clear the scene, even in the middle of a war. The disaster was the Hillsborough of its time. The home secretary, Herbert Morrison, urged stoicism. "Shocking as this blow is, it falls upon a people tested and hardened by the experiences of the blitz and as well able to bear loss bravely as any people in the world."

Mr Morrison also promised an enquiry but warned, with that bygone wartime arrogance which modern politicians might secretly envy, that, "no good Londoner will want to indulge in any scapegoat-hunting. It is not dignified and it is not necessary." Talk of missing handrails, of wardens downstairs playing cards, and of "fascists and criminal persons" fomenting panic was sternly quashed.

Fifty years on, a group of survivors and relatives have asked the local authority for a memorial. So on Wednesday, the Bishop of Stepney and the Mayor of Tower Hamlets will preside over a service at the church alongside the station, St John's, and at the unveiling of a plaque on the staircase.

Other survivors, who may have spoken little about it for decades, choose this moment to retell the story to a generation which takes disasters — Heysel, Hillsborough, Bradford, Zeebrugge — with perhaps less stoicism, and certainly no shortage of scapegoat-hunting. It is a fit point to remember their loss: they want the story told.

Ivy Brind certainly does. Although that night left her with a violent nervous tic which required nerve surgery and physiotherapy after the war and left her with a partially-paralysed face, she has survived the blight well: worked, borne a daughter, nursed three relatives — including her husband — through their last illnesses, and raised money for charitable causes ranging from lifeboats to guide dogs. She still lives a stone's throw from Bethnal Green station, in east London, and the only obvious symptom of what happened to her there is that she has never used it since.



Haunting memories: Ivy Brind, before the disaster

In 1943, Mrs Brind was a lively 25-year-old, at the heart of a close extended family. "My husband, Ted, was a quartermaster-sergeant in the Royal Fusiliers. I lived in a flat just below my mother's, and I had a brother and a sister single at home and two brothers married." Worrying unduly about air raids was not in her nature: she rarely bothered with the shelter. "When my husband was home once on leave, we were sleeping at the alert, and he rolled over close to me. Just as well. At the all clear, he had a lump of concrete lying on his pillow. My brother was in the other room on the sofa, and all the cupboards shook out pepper and salt all over him. Somehow, you could laugh."

But on the night of March 3, "my sister, May, was nervous. My brother's two daughters were evacuated, and my sister-in-law was pregnant — they sent you out of London at eight months to have it somewhere. So my Mum and May and I were looking after her little boy, Barry." Mrs Brind is a fast, lively talker, but stops at his name. "He was two years and nine months old. I loved that baby. He'd come into bed with me. We'd play. Anyway, my sister said we had to go down the Tube because we'd bombed Berlin the night before, and if anything happened to Barry, she'd kill herself."

Still reluctant, Mrs Brind walked to the top of the steps, and then the rockets fired. The Berlin raid, as the enquiry later pointed out, had caused fears of terrible reprisal. "There was a terrific bang, and I don't know where all the people came from. I thought it was too much, I turned back with Barry in my arms. But we were thrown like a pack of cards. I stood . . ." Mrs Brind stands suddenly, reliving it, her arms across her chest . . . "like this. For 3½ hours. Barry said: 'Aunty Fivy!' He called me that always. And he never spoke again."

She did not know the child was dead. "Just perhaps that he couldn't speak — you see the fear, the screaming — it could do something to a child. They climbed over us," she adds, quietly, "over us, to get down. They pulled people out, no time to take pulses, just laid them on the street. I think some of them died of cold.

"Then someone took Barry away. I thought he and my mother and sister must be at the hospital. I walked through the wards. Then the sister just patted my shoulder . . ." again, an illustrative pat of her own shoulder, as Mrs Brind remembers the callous wartime briskness. "and said, 'Have a look round the mortuary tomorrow morning'. My sister said my mother had cried. 'They're killing me'. People were kicking her."

In the mortuary. "My mother's black hair, I shall never forget, it had gone white. There was Barry, third one along. Never a mark on him, as if I'd just bathed him. I went into shock. It wasn't like bombs. In bombs you said 'I'm lucky to get out alive'. I didn't think I was lucky. My brother came and he wouldn't tell my sister-in-law until she'd had the new baby. He changed out of his black after Barry's funeral to see her.

"When they did tell her, she turned and said to me, 'Well, Barry's dead. How did *you* get out?' She never spoke to me for years. Not until her daughter was 21."

Ted Brind was not allowed home until the war's end. For his wife, official help was limited to a medical check-up and £100 compensation for the tic and her six months off work. "The counsellors they have now for disasters, I'd have liked that. You see, when you're talking to family and neighbours, they're in it too, the tears flow. At the funeral, my sister said to the vicar, 'Don't mention God's name to me, if he was real, he wouldn't have let that happen'.

"But to talk to someone, like I'm talking to you now. Someone who isn't in it. That would help." Another pause. "We loved that baby. And my mother was just getting to the age we could have given her a more comfortable life at last. She'd given everything for us. For years, I went over and over everything that happened, thinking I could have saved Barry. But then I think of Dickie Colbert, the boxer. He was killed down there. He couldn't save himself."

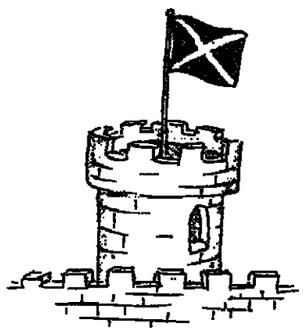
Blame, compensation claims, the suggestion, years later, that she should sell her "true life story" to a women's magazine, are things Mrs Brind dismisses out of dignity, as much as she dismisses the idea of forgetting. "We'd all had a bad time. But we helped one another. My mother used to say about the bombs, 'You got to be brave.' That Tube, my mother, the baby . . . even now, if I sat around this flat thinking about it, I'd be in the madhouse. So I get on with it. What's the good of being miserable?"

Ivy Brind will be in church on Wednesday, to pay tribute. Her sister, she says regretfully, so far refuses to go. Fifty years on, she will still have nothing to do with the God who let it happen.

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At the start of a celebration of the music of Benjamin Britten, Rostropovich remembers his friend, mentor and idol

ADRIAN BROOKS



The music lives on: Rostropovich in rehearsal with the LSO for the Festival of Britten, at the Barbican. Britten's easy, open friendship was special to him because "what I find about English personality is — all buttons closed"

A world of music at his feet

Mstislav Leopoldovich Rostropovich, known as "Slava" to all, could not be anything but a Russian: everyone who meets him is enveloped in bear-hugs, triple kisses and exuberance. But he has become — far more than a writer could ever be — a citizen of the world without barriers, a global ambassador who embodies Joseph Addison's view of music as "the greatest good that mortals know" with his habit of turning up dramatically at historical moments.

Nobody will forget that in August 1991, Rostropovich flew impulsively without a visa to Moscow to be with his friend Boris Yeltsin in the besieged government building, the White House, while the tanks rolled up outside. Not even his wife, the soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, knew he had gone. He was quite prepared to die: "Nobody possible stop me. It is my intuition. That moment had come and I said yes."

It was not intended as a public gesture. "My actions are made a public affair. But that is not right. For example, when I coming to Berlin Wall [in 1989] my dream was to play Bach there, alone. I don't like even see public because that is my prayer of thankfulness for God. Nobody knows I go to Berlin. Nobody. I go in private plane and then taxi. But there is a catastrophe. I have no chair. Impossible sit on ground and play cello! I must come into some house and ask chair. And that is how they publicise that I come, because they recognise me. The chair was traitor."

This week, we were to meet in Maida Vale, where he has a house; but he was delayed in Paris, where he has an apartment. But surely he lives in Lausanne? Yes, he has a home there too. Also in Finland, in Washington, and upstate New York, and in Aldeburgh, and Moscow, and also his dacha ... I lost count at eight, but he says there are 11. This is true global citizenship. If you ask, but where is *home*? he says home is an aeroplane, with cello and tiny dog (except in Britain where quarantine laws forbid it: "She suffer; I suffer also.").

On Tuesday night this week he was at the Russian embassy in London, playing Britten's Cello Sonata, written for him, for Boris Pankin, the Russian ambassador. Last night he conducted the London Symphony Orchestra for the first night of the month-long, wittily named Festival of Britten at the Barbican. This is his third LSO festival celebrating a composer who was also a friend, mentor and idol: he did the same for Prokofiev and for Shostakovich. We met, between final rehearsals, in the green room, to talk of Britten, who would have been 80 this year.

The two met in 1960. Britten was sharing the Shostakovich's box at the Royal Festival Hall when the young cellist, then aged 33, played Shostakovich's Cello Concerto, composed especially for him.

"I had never even seen Britten's photo. In Russia, I hear his variations for Purcell, and his Young Person's Guide: of course that music was masterpiece but leetle bit old fashioned melody. I thought Benjamin Britten grand classical composer who died long ago. Then I learn that he is modern composer and still alive! I many times think about his music. And when he comes to backstage, I first time see his face. I straightaway smile when I see his nose. That nose, like a triangle! Hahahahahaha."

The next day Britten came to his hotel and promised to write a sonata for him, on condition that he would play it for the first time at Aldeburgh. "I not speak English at all, so we speak German. But my German is very bad, and Ben also speaks German but not level of Goethe. So we make this language we call Aldeburgh Deutsch. After hearing our conversation, people who speak good German like Marion Thorpe [the former Lady Harewood and a trustee of the Britten Pears Foundation] complain that we have ruined their language."

They would walk on the beach

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together at Aldeburgh, "even if very unpleasant in the raincoat, situation like in *Peter Grimes*, he is like part of natcher. He is very easy, open for friendship. Very special for me because what I find about English personality is — all buttons closed." Britten and Aldeburgh made *Great Expectations* and *David Copperfield* (his favourite novels) come to life; Aldeburgh remains a favourite place.

"When I lost my citizenship in 1978 I must have some nest for children and wife. We go to Paris: but French Communist Party so powerful, maybe Russian brothers come with tanks: I *don't* like this. Where is better? *Is* better in Switzerland. But then someone calls me: 'Slava, is house in Aldeburgh for auction.' I say not important to see, buy for me, buy me Aldeburgh house. Aldeburgh is special place for me because of Ben."

In Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Britten, the letters from Rostropovich ("Dear and highly respected Mr Benjamin Britten! Thank you for this from the bottom of my heart") testify to the warmth which Britten found so infectious. When Britten's first cello sonata written for him arrived, Rostropovich says he "broke all records for the 880 yards hurdles for cellists" to collect it, and rushed off a telegram: "Admiring and in love with your great sonata."

When Rostropovich had heart trouble in the 1960s, he told Britten only he could bring him to life by composing a brilliant cello concerto. That heart trouble, which has never recurred since Rostropovich has been in the West, was "just from the stress of life in Soviet Union. For example each time I was going to Aldeburgh to play, I would have to pretend to the Ministry of Culture that I was not really interested. Life was very hypocritical. You had to be."

In 1972 Rostropovich was billed to play the premiere of Britten's third Cello Suite, written for him, at Aldeburgh but he wrote on a torn-out sheet of an exercise book: "To our great chagrin we learned that once again they will not allow us to come to England. The reasons for all this are never told us." But of course he knew the reason. He had written an open letter to Alexander Solzhenitsyn, referring to the "claptrap" written about Prokofiev and Shostakovich. He and his wife took Solzhenitsyn into their home.

In 1978, Rostropovich and his wife, at the height of their celebrity, became non-persons, stripped of their citizenship, their fame excised, their names erased from records.

> 'Prokofiev told me people might be born with good musical taste, but you have to clean it every day, like cleaning your teeth'

"For me was clear that I would have small chance of coming back to Russia. That is why what is happening now is like miracle, the best present in life. How is it possible so much changed in such a short time? Because people have a *nostalgie* for something that we lost 75 years ago. We lost dignity. Our life was a lie." In 1989 he returned in triumph to Russia and had citizenship restored.

And this October he will give concerts in Moscow and St Petersburg, including Britten's *War Requiem*, which the terrifying Madame Furtseva, a former minister of culture, had forbidden Vishnevskaya to sing at Coventry Cathedral. It will be his first visit to St Petersburg since the name was restored. "So many names stolen after revolution! Once, before I left Russia I give concert in city of Mariupol — but that city is called now Zhdanov, name of one of chief communists, the author of that document against Shostakovich and Prokofiev! During the concert I felt sick, thinking about it." Now, happily, it is Mariupol again.

But having waxed so rich in the capitalist world in his exile, he has found a way of doing something practical and positive for a Russia locked in economic chaos. His Vishnevskaya-Rostropovich Foundation (patrons: the Jimmy Carters, the Ronald Reagans, Lady Thatcher, Helmut Schmidt) is a children's healthcare network, with fully equipped hospital and a state-of-the-art mobile diagnostical clinics emblazoned with the name "Slava". "So much humanitarian aid going to Russia doesn't get to those who really need it. But all the money that goes to this fund, every penny, every copeck, I control."

Life is now punctuated with anniversaries, to which the musical world is addicted. Last October Slava flew in to play Bach at Buckingham Palace at the concert his friend (and sometime cellist) the Prince of Wales gave for Sir Georg Solti's 80th birthday. He was also at Buckingham Palace for the Queen Mother's 90th. Last Sunday night he was performing for the Queen of Spain in Madrid for the centenary of Andrés Segovia. He has already decided that his own 70th birthday concert, in 1997, will be in Moscow, with work by his hero-friends Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Britten and his newest composer friend, Schnittke. "I have eight more cello concertos to premiere before then." His ambition is to have commissioned or premiered 100 before he retires. "Life is so intense," he sighs. "Another day pass. I feel a guillotine is just tickling the back of my neck. If I not ready for concert: pam!"

He has two students in America, one of them, a girl of 19, is so talented he is reminded of Jacqueline du Pré (who studied with him). "For cello *I* am so happy in new generation, great deal of talent, many people I admire.

"But you must have not only musical talent but many qualities: for example musical intellect, and good musical taste. Once Prokofiev told me I was just wanting to be liked by the audience: and that's dangerous. For example I was playing something very fast technical piece, very brilliant piece. And public applauds. I think next time, I play even faster. More applause, now I make record, maybe that's good but very bad taste.

"Prokofiev told me people might be born with good musical taste, but you have to clean it every day, like cleaning your teeth. Now, I never touch instrument until I know what I must do."

Most poignantly, there will be a concert in Prague in July for President Havel, to raise money for the restoration of Prague. Rostropovich will play the Dvorák Cello Concerto, the work he happened to be playing at the Albert Hall in a prom — ironically, with the USSR state symphony orchestra — on that August night in 1968 when the tanks rolled into Prague. Richard Morrison, *The Times* arts editor, was at the concert and says that Rostropovich played that night "as the world's finest preacher might speak at the world's saddest funeral; his cello seemed to weep".

Michigan man and his dying machine

Laws will stop 'Doctor Death' helping people commit suicide

There was a headline in *The New York Times* last week so grimly familiar as to warrant only a few paragraphs buried deep in the paper: "Kevorkian aids two more suicides". The week before, it was the same headline. Two weeks before that Dr Jack Kevorkian helped another person to die.

Yesterday the Michigan state legislature voted overwhelmingly to bring into effect immediately — a month before it was due — legislation outlawing doctor-assisted suicide. This was an effort to slow down the pace at which the 65-year-old retired pathologist, who long ago earned the soubriquet "Doctor Death", was assisting his terminally ill patients to die, using a do-it-yourself suicide machine. Michigan becomes the 29th American state to bring in laws against assisted suicide.

Since December the doctor has aided nine terminally ill men and women to end their lives. This brings to 15, over the last two and a half years, the number of people he has helped to commit suicide since becoming America's foremost proponent of what he calls "medicide" — the humane killing of those whose illness is so acute they can no longer face life.

Despite numerous attempts, Dr Kevorkian has never been successfully prosecuted for helping the terminally ill to die, and authorities in Michigan say that until the law came into effect they could do nothing but stand by and watch as he went through a fatal process that became a ritual.

In fact the authorities are expecting a new confrontation within days, as Dr Kevorkian, adept now at the public relations game, positively welcomes the vote to bring forward the deadline from March 30: it will enable him to get the process of arrest and trial over more quickly, he says.

"This has gone crazy," Ed Rivet of Michigan's Right to Life group told *The New York Times*. His greatest fear was a rush of people going to see Kevorkian to beat the original date. In recent cases the doctor's patients have died by inhaling carbon monoxide through a mask, triggering the release of the gas by pulling a cord on a machine of the doctor's invention.

Dr Kevorkian denies that he was trying to beat the original March 30 deadline, and insists he is only answering the call of hundreds of people, most suffering from cancer or other terminal illnesses, who feared that the legislation would end their chances of having Dr Kevorkian help them end their suffering.

Some have come from as far away as California to die, with the doctor's help, in Michigan. Dr Kevorkian's routine seldom changes: after reviewing their medical records, he videotapes the patient asking the doctor to help them die. He shows the patient how to put on the mask, and waits while they die. Critics say that death by carbon monoxide poisoning causes painful headaches and nausea before it is effective.



Helping hand: Dr Kevorkian's 'medicide' has allowed one terminally ill person a week to die this year

After each death, the police confiscate his "suicide machine" and Dr Kevorkian builds another; his lawyers are planning to file a lawsuit for the return of $2,000 (£1,400) worth of tubing, canisters and other tools of his trade.

Dr Kevorkian believes passionately that he is offering a vital service which will one day become the norm in American medicine: "I'll do it as long as I'm not in jail or sick and crippled, and as long as my resources hold out," he said recently. If convicted of aiding a suicide, Dr Kevorkian now faces up to four years in prison.

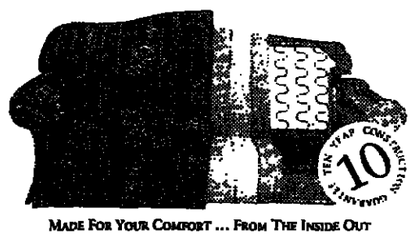
Recently "Dr Death" has been swamped with calls from people asking him to help them die. A monstrous, even murderous ogre to some, to others who have lost hope Dr Kevorkian is a ministering angel who can stop their pain with dignity. But even the doctor himself admits. "This is not a happy endeavour I'm in".

Two-thirds of Americans approve of doctor-assisted suicide, and the new law is being challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union, which argues that it violates the privacy of doctor and patient. But as the death toll accelerated, even Dr Kevorkian's most ardent supporters were beginning to have qualms about the regularity with which the cadaverous Dr Kevorkian appeared on the evening television news, smiling and determined, having helped to end yet another human life.

The strain is even beginning to tell on the doctor, who doubts he can much increase his present average rate of one assisted suicide a week. "You really couldn't do one a day of these," he says, "it just takes too much work."

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Janet Daley



■ The death of Bobby Moore reminds us of the sad decline of the British working-class hero

What struck you when you saw — as you will have done many times over the last two days — that film of Bobby Moore holding aloft the World Cup in 1966? This depends perhaps on whether you are old enough to remember the great event itself. If you are, then those images will have conjured up a world so long ago and far away that it seems to belong to another life. If you were born too late to share in this Proustian reminiscence, you may have blinked in disbelief at the rather quaint unlikeliness of it all. And I am not referring here to the improbability of England winning an international sporting fixture.

What struck me when I looked again at those velvety monochrome images from 27 years ago was the innocence of it. I remember the 1966 World Cup very clearly because it happened during my first year in Britain when all my impressions of the country were peculiarly vivid. I was busy assimilating the fact that sport in England, like everything else, had class connotations. But soccer was a national game nonetheless: it did not have the more strictly sectarian associations of rugby league (or at the other end of the social scale, rugby union). Bobby Moore and his England team-mates were seen to be archetypal working-class boys but they still belonged to all of us, especially when they won.

It was a time, of course, when being — or having been — working class was eminently fashionable. Not only was there an ex-working-class prime minister, Harold Wilson, but the political tastes of opinion-forming intellectuals were committed to inverted snobbery. There was scarcely a playwright to be taken seriously who could not boast proletarian origins. And sport itself was in the front line of this cult. David Storey's novel about rugby league, *This Sporting Life*, was turned into a seminal film of the period. A.J. Ayer was known to be a Tottenham Hotspur supporter and Michael Parkinson, then a most literate sports journalist, was waging his own class war against social prejudice in cricket.

But examining those photographs of the England players of 1966 spread across the third page of yesterday's *Times*, what is noteworthy is that by today's standards, they look scarcely working class at all. Well groomed and utterly respectable, they seem more like the products of a semi-detached suburban existence than a backstreet urban one. Bobby Moore may have been an East End boy and the Charlton brothers spoke with broad northern accents but they came from a working-class tradition which upheld standards: clean white shirts, family loyalties and the kind of public behaviour which would not put your mother to shame.

It was the done thing in those days to say that class distinctions were finished. True, you could still place people by their voices but the glaring old differences in how people dressed and comported themselves were widely thought to be dying out. Whatever happened to those brave hopes of 30 years ago? Who would have expected then that by the Nineties class antipathies, far from being extinct, would have entered a new and altogether more frightening phase? Who would have predicted Gazza? Bobby Moore, the soft-spoken gentleman, is no longer emblematic of his class.

The most alarming crime of football crowds in the Sixties was over-enthusiasm: remember a time when "invading the pitch" to celebrate a goal was a shocking transgression? Now football is associated with the worst kind of loutishness and, more significantly, with a degree of aggression both on and off the field which would have seemed psychopathic by the norms of 1966. Nobody is more sceptical about nostalgia than I. Golden ages are almost always mythical: a result of mistaking our own childhood naivety for a realistic view of the world. But there are people who will swear that there was a time not very long ago — before working-class life was consigned to the wastes of Giroland — when the moral certainties which middle-class people claim as their own were largely shared by the working classes. Violence, particularly domestic violence, was always there, especially in the hard-drinking cities like Liverpool and Sheffield or the brutalising industries like deep-sea trawling in Hull. But there were still recognisable proprieties maintained, my witnesses tell me, largely by women who upheld values and policed children collectively.

> Football is associated now with deliberate loutishness

How did it come about, this despoliation of working-class life? Through the loss of the industries which were its mainstay? Through the derangement of old communities with the destruction of traditional housing patterns? Through a breakdown of authority (on which uneducated people have always heavily relied) in the schools and in the streets? Or has it, more depressingly, been a direct consequence of a more fair and meritocratic society? When the talented, the ambitious and the conscientious are given the chance to move up and out, what happens to those who are left behind? Who is there left at the bottom of society who would be able to identify with a hero like Bobby Moore?

John Major's meeting with the president was never going to solve the big issues, says R.W. Apple

Just good friends, nothing special

The special relationship between Britain and the United States, whose obituary has been written so often, is alive and well. John Major has come to Washington and gone, and he and Bill Clinton, a pair of meritocrats, seem to have got on perfectly well.

That is not surprising. On most issues that matter, the interests of the United States and Britain converge. Of those where they do not, some are not important enough here to fight over, such as Northern Ireland. On others, such as Bosnia, the differences are easily enough resolved. The big exception is trade, which may be the dominant foreign-policy issue for most countries over the next decade, and on that there were some sparks this week.

Mr Major said that he "got no sense of a protectionist president" from his extended talks with Mr Clinton, and indeed he evoked from the president his most explicit commitment yet to push hard for a successful conclusion to the Uruguay round. But calling the new president a devotee of free trade, which Mr Major did during a tour of yesterday morning's television shows, is stretching the evidence.

If Mr Clinton is a free trader he certainly disguises it well. He is pushing for changes in the North American Free Trade Agreement, which is to link the United States, Mexico and Canada, because of fears of American trade unions, which supported him in November, about the exportation of jobs.

He took no steps to stop the imposition of new tariffs on European steel, and he remains committed to a tariff increase that would hurt Land Rover sales here. Most important, he chose to attack Airbus Industrie in an appearance in Seattle, the home of the Boeing company, just before returning to the capital to greet his British visitor.

Mr Major did his best to paper over the Airbus dispute during the joint news conference the two leaders gave on Wednesday, and there is apparently an agreement not to reopen the dispute before a current agreement on aircraft subsidies expires in July. But after that, there will be trouble. Mr Clinton is asking his country to sacrifice, and to make that palatable he needs to be seen as the guardian of such American heavy industry as survives. The prime minister's meetings with the treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, and with congressional leaders, which were intended to dampen the aircraft dispute, were a flop. Before he had even left town, a group of senators led by an influential moderate Republican from Missouri, John Danforth, introduced a bill ordering the commerce department to bring a trade case against Airbus.

In the end, of course, these trade issues will have to be resolved in a Community context. Like prime ministers stretching back to Harold Macmillan, Mr Major pictures himself as an interlocutor between Brussels and Washington, but that should not be taken too seriously; increasingly, the United States sees the Community itself as its natural European partner, to be negotiated with directly, and with no necessity for Britain to play any special role.

Rather, it is language, shared experience and common political culture that make the bonds between Britain and the United States so strong. Even Americans who were born in the 1940s and 1950s remember the second world war, and that counts for a lot. In discussions over the past few weeks about the prospect of American troops fighting under foreign command, something that has not happened in 50 years, politicians and generals have been saying, "If it's a British officer, okay, but if it's anyone else, then it probably wouldn't work."

Likewise, Americans care about the British theatre, the British aristocracy, British literature, British medicine, British policing methods, British politics and even British sporting events such as Wimbledon and the Open. They care far less about France and Italy, except for fashion and food. As for Germany, most people know that it is the richest and the most strategically crucial country in Europe, but they would just as soon not think about it.

Bill Clinton and John Major probably won't ever swoon over each other the way Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, ideological soulmates, used to do. But they have both worked their way up from nothing, against the odds, and that counts for something, as does Mr Clinton's experience at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, of which he made a big point on Wednesday. He was no doubt irritated that the Tories tried to help George Bush beat him, and displeased by the Home Office's search of his files, but he joked about it, and he has shown in domestic politics that he quickly puts small disputes behind him.

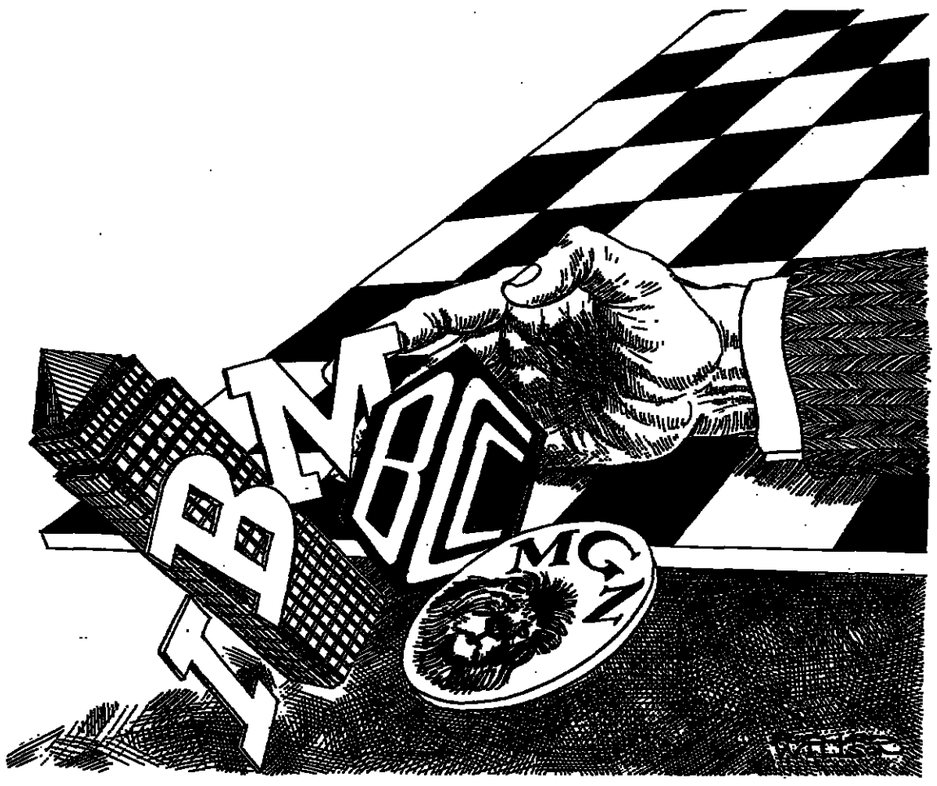
Almost every time a prime minister visits Washington, the British papers are full of the Ulster issue, and nothing of great import ever happens. This trip was no exception. The leaders of the Irish-American claque on Capitol Hill, Ted Kennedy and Pat Moynihan, issued the standard press release, which was more or less ignored. No significant "peacemaking" initiative was ever likely.

They have been fighting in Northern Ireland a lot longer than they have in Bosnia or Somalia, but it remains a very low priority to most Americans.

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Revelling in the road to ruin

Here's how to spend five thousand million dollars without really trying



Bernard Levin

We all have absurd and impossible aspirations, and unless we allow ourselves to believe that we can achieve them, and behave as though we can, no harm is done. I used to dream of singing Hans Sachs at Covent Garden or marrying Princess Anne, or preferably both, but when those imaginary worlds of bliss faded under the extreme improbability of it all, I transferred my dream to chess, and imagined myself challenging the world champion (and beating him, of course). I bear Nigel Short no grudge, and indeed I was cheering him on when the first half of his own dream came true — to challenge the real world champion; I shall be cheering all the more loudly when he sits down at the table with Gary Kasparov on the other side. But I still wish that it had been me.

That reminds me of a moment, so many years ago that I was still a schoolboy, but which I have remembered all my life, so poignant and deep was the impression it made upon me. At my school, Christ's Hospital, the uniform was extravagantly recognisable, and one day an elderly man, worn, shabbily dressed and I would guess hungry, stopped me in the street to touch the dark blue gown. All he said was "I should have gone there, if I had been done right by," and he walked on. Again and again, I have wondered whether it was true, and somehow he had been cheated out of an education that might — surely, would — have changed his life. Perhaps, though, that was *his* unattainable world, and over the years he had come to believe his dream, like Thurber's moth. But I still have one more imaginary life to live, and I have been imaginarily living it for many years. Who tugs my sleeve?

I love reading about gigantic financial disasters, so long as they do not involve my own hard-earned savings or the savings of those unequipped for catastrophe. That being so, you may imagine my delight when I heard the news of IBM's world record crash-bang-wallop: this august organisation, which must have at least one product in practically every home of the advanced world, has gone into the red for *five thousand milllion dollars.*

Here is an American one-dollar bill; it measures, from end to end, six and one-tenth inches. If, then, all the dollars in the above-mentioned smash were put end to end, the ribbon of dollarity would stretch approximately 481,376 miles, which is almost exactly the distance from the Earth to the Moon and back again, provided that I have done my arithmetic correctly — which is unlikely.

The *schadenfreude* induced by this magnificent achievement was enough to make me choke on my breakfast with pleasure when I read about it, and I imagine most people without shares in IBM would feel something of the same. But I had a special, a very special, further longing: *I* want to go smash for five thousand million dollars.

It is a curious kind of envy, I admit, and the psychiatrists would have a marvellous time working out what it means, but I have had it as long as I can remember. I read the financial pages not so much to find tips for the best way of increasing my savings, as to come upon a huge concern (preferably a bank, of course) which has gone down the hole without even time to say glug-glug-glug. As you may imagine from that confession, I am an avid reader of the doings of the great financial rogues, the Ivar Kreugers and Robert Maxwells and their like, and I regret to say that I am more often than not to be found nervously admiring the scoundrels, and urging them to be even more scoundrelly before they go bust. It doesn't matter much whether the crash comes from the crooks, like those two and the master-swindlers of the BCCI, or from the strictly respectable IBM, but whenever I hear the first rumblings of a huge empire in frightful trouble, my heart lifts, and the only cloud in the sky is my wistful longing to be not just a spectator but the boss of the whole troubled empire.

And IBM gave me a vicarious thrill so powerful that it was all I could do not to rush out into the street and dance among the traffic. The experts tell me that the IBM's day of doom easily beats the previous record for any such smash, but that in itself gives me only a small part of the pleasure; it is the noise of the earth caving in that gets me a-trembling.

What about Canary Wharf, then? I was sorry when the Reichmann brothers went smash; I disliked considerably the gross and ill-proportioned phallus that still looms over London, but I have to say that on my only visit to it, I admired enormously the meticulous handsomeness of the interior (to say nothing of the stupendous views).

But what can be done with it? I have the solution, though nobody will listen to me. Anyway, here is my plan. We carefully lower Canary Wharf to the ground, pyramidical top-knot and all; then we put it on a long row of specially strengthened barrows, and we trundle it through the streets — giving ample notice for those who want to watch it pass — and when we get to Folkestone we stuff it into Sir Alastair ("Blame someone else") Morton's Tunnel. But will we do it? No fear; only when, some years ahead, everybody is sorry, will they admit that they should have listened to me in the first place.

How do you get into a position from which you can lose five thousand million dollars? Is there an exam an aspirant loser has to take? Or do you just have to be the managing director's nephew? Or do you listen to the experts? Whichever it is, I bet there are already a dozen books with titles like *How to lose five thousand million dollars without anybody noticing.*

That word "noticing" deserves a comment. The IBM splosh, five billion dollars deep, did not, I take it, happen in a moment, nor, if it did, was it so careful as to choose the moment at which the accountants opened the ledger. (Ledger! As if there were such things any more, in this perfect world of computers — IBM computers, naturally — which work out to the last cent how the business is getting on, so that if any imbalance or danger is sighted, the troublesome matter is immediately put right.) But although I followed the delightful IBM story, and learnt that the problem was that the firm was still doggedly turning out mainframes, whereas the computer-buying folk had already got as many mainframes as they needed and perhaps a few over, I never could understand how IBM failed to notice this shift.

I ruled out, as you may imagine, the absurd possibility that the trouble might have been that the people running IBM are quite amazingly stupid, and plumped for a very much more likely explanation: that little green men — lots and lots and *lots* of green men, plus a good many purple ones — had crawled down the IBM's chimney and deliberately messed up the figures. But I must reconcile myself to the truth: I shall never have the chance to lose five thousand million dollars, and must content myself to do it in my day-dreams.

Very well, I shall do it in my day-dreams. In the safety of these comforting shadows I shall pile up great unrepayable loans, monstrous skyscrapers of debt, billions of pounds of wholly imaginary collateral: I shall buy huge banking networks just as they are about to collapse, I shall revel in the knowledge that by the time I am finished I will have broken every record for ruin, and I shall sit on the windowsill (just before jumping off it), to watch IBM go by and shout "cheapskates!"

Who will join me in this limitless imaginary financial scam? I cannot be the only man whose dreams fill the bankruptcy courts, and I call upon those who dream to such good purpose. And we have Shakespeare's blessing:

"They say he is already in the forest of Arden, and a many merry men with him: and there they live like the old Robin Hood of England. They say many young gentlemen flock to him every day, and fleet the time carelessly, as they did in the golden world." *Golden* world, you note.

Army drop-outs

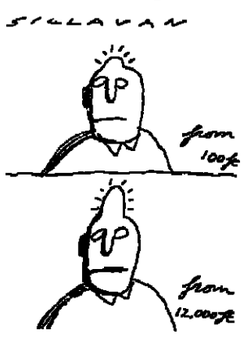
TO PUSH supplies gently out of the back of a vulnerable, low flying C130 Hercules or to parachute them in from a safe but inaccurate 15,000 ft. That's the dilemma President Clinton is currently addressing as he seeks ways of getting food and medicine into remote parts of Bosnia.

Fifty years ago the allies were facing similar decisions as they worked out the best way to supply Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia. Sometimes, as devotees of Evelyn Waugh's "Sword of Honour" trilogy may recall, the best answer seemed to bundle the stuff out of the plane without a parachute at all.

That was fine, just so long as the unbreakables went out of the planes before the paratroops. On more than one occasion parachute-borne officers were lucky not to be trampled by high-speed army issue boots, as Sir Fitzroy Maclean recalls from his days as a young SAS officer parachuted into Yugoslavia to assist the partisans. "These things were apt to happen, depending on the height of the aircraft," says Maclean, now 81.

In "The Sword of Honour", Waugh writes about "jackpots", when the usual nightime drop of ancient rifles and boots was replaced by "machine guns, ammunition, petrol, dehydrated food, socks and books of popular education".

Maclean, who visited the Royal Engineers in Zagreb with his wife Veronica last September, is too canny a military bird to suggest how the Americans might hit the jackpot in 1993. "It is a very delicate situation," is all he will say.



Bailing Bobby

FEW people can have had a more difficult first day in a job than Thomas Rogers. His start as British ambassador to Colombia coincided inauspiciously with Bobby Moore's arrest and jailing for allegedly stealing a bracelet.

With only a week to go before England's World Cup game with Mexico, and in a country where, according to Rogers, one was guilty until proven innocent, diplomacy was stretched to the limit. If he had not secured Moore's release, "mine was the obvious head to roll", wrote Rogers in his memoir, *Great Game, Grand Game.*

That it did not was testimony to Rogers's success in persuading the Colombian police to hold Moore under house arrest and allow him to train under police supervision until his eventual release. Rogers remembers Moore as "remarkably self-possessed. He was a good footballer but to be able to say he was a great chap as well is very unusual."

DIARY

● *It was not just the West Germans who suffered from Bobby boot. Lord Longford, playing left half for an all-star team against West Ham in a charity match in 1972, found himself marking Moore. Longford, who turned up to the game in what he describes as "awful suede Hush Puppies and cream knickerbockers", remembers Moore as "very gentle. I was never a footballer and he blocked my passes in the gentlest possible way. But he never let me get one past."*

Generous gesture

THE sale to the Getty Museum of Turner's *Van Tromp Going About to Please His Masters* has caused long faces all round, not least at London's big auction houses. None, however, can be as gloomy as Christie's, which in 1988 gave the college £250,000 to establish a centre for Victorian art studies.

Unkind voices said at the time that Christie's — the only auction house to have given money to the college — was sweetening the college in the hope that it would be invited to handle any future art sales, although this was denied. Professor Norman Gowar, the college principal, confirms that Christie's wanted to handle the Turner sale, but says: "We were approached by the Getty and having received their offer we thought it would not be bettered anywhere else. The college made it clear at the time that there were no riders to Christie's donation, and there has been no pressure from them."

Christie's insists it is not miffed. A spokeswoman says: "We are pleased that it has been bought by a museum where people will see it. We gave the £250,000 because it fits in with our educational aims. No other reason."

Whose life is it?

SIR Dirk Bogarde — actor, writer, renaissance man — does not travel well. Surprising though it may sound to British fans of his writing, he falls rather flat in America. So flat, indeed, that he has insisted that the latest volume of his autobiography, *A Short Walk from Harrods*, not be published in America.

Bogarde, who has published six volumes of autobiography since the first, *A Postillion Struck by Lightning* in 1977, has just delivered *A Short Walk* to his agent, Carol MacArthur.

MacArthur says Bogarde's antipathy to America is twofold. "He says that American publishers always want to re-edit and he did not want that to happen." But Bogarde may also, it seems, be a little hurt. MacArthur adds: "Also they have not really heard of him. It is a bit like trying to sell Clive James in America — he is a big star here but unknown there."

Righting one final wrong

● With a cruel twist of political fate, one of the very last parliamentary duties carried out by Judith Chaplin, the Conservative MP for Newbury who died last week, was the introduction of a bill into the Commons seeking an improvement in the state's financial arrangements for widowers.

Chaplin, a former political secretary to John Major, objected to the fact that at present for men whose wives die and who wish to stay at home to bring up their children, "there is no help from the state through the national insurance fund".

"This bill," she told MPs in the Commons just a fortnight before her death, "is about equality, fairness, and the importance of family life. I am sure therefore that it will commend itself to all MPs on both sides of the House." She had been alerted to the anomaly by the plight of a father in her constituency, whose wife, the family breadwinner, had died.



Chaplin: her bill continues

Chaplin, who is survived by four children by her first marriage and her architect husband Michael, was backed by 10 women MPs, including Edwina Currie and Lady Olga Maitland.

Lady Olga insists the bill will be carried through. "We will carry it on for Judith. She started it and of course it will always be known as her bill. We will carry the torch for her." She adds: "Judith had a remarkable future ahead of her. That she died having proposed this bill is particularly poignant."

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COMMON INTEREST

John Major has made some early gains in Washington

The first meeting with a new American president is invested with enormous significance by any British prime minister. The special relationship between America and Britain, rarely evoked on the other side of the Atlantic and mentioned by British diplomats only in private whispers, remains a benchmark of London's influence on the international stage nonetheless. With each change of American administration the health — the continued existence, even — of the relationship comes under renewed British scrutiny.

Rarely has this scrutiny been more nervous, or scepticism more justified, than since the victory of Bill Clinton. To British anxieties about the weakening of America's internationalism under its first post-Cold war administration have been added embarrassment about clumsy Tory involvement in the presidential election campaign. Rarely, too, has it been more necessary for Britain to maximise its influence with Washington. A narrow interpretation by Mr Clinton of his "America first" campaign pledge could add trade wars to the West's recessionary woes, cripple Nato and with it, the management of postcommunist turmoil.

The Clinton administration has been notably unhelpful in its early pronouncements on such sensitive issues as Northern Ireland or Britain's continued permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Thus there was clear British satisfaction that John Major was the first European leader invited to Washington, and clear prime ministerial relief when Mr Clinton, making the grace notes for which he is famous, affirmed at the end of their first meeting that the relationship was "special to me personally and special to the United States". There was also a promising beginning on questions of substance.

For their first meeting, President Clinton was generous with his time as well as his courtesy. That bodes well: and the exchange of views on Bosnia could not have come at a more vital stage. Mr Major is fortunate that, unlike either Ronald Reagan or George Bush, Mr Clinton shares the passion for mastering complex briefs, the prime minister's particular strength. Such skills will be needed to secure America's continued commitment to European security — the special relationship which really counts.

Mr Major has reaped his first dividend already, however, in the assurances he was given on the single most pressing item on the agenda: the early completion of Gatt's Uruguay Round of talks to liberalise world trade. Mr Clinton's public statement that he will seek "a swift completion of the round" is a vitally important shift away from protectionism which must be swiftly pursued. The president has shown himself tempted by the idea of using American power to prise open foreign markets in disregard of Gatt procedures; and his trade negotiator, Mickey Kantor, has hinted at reopening entire segments of this long-running negotiation, including last November's hardwon agreement between America and the European Community on farm trade. The Gatt talks would not survive such a setback.

Mr Major's trip this week may have succeeded in heading off recent French proposals to restart the Gatt negotiations from scratch. He was right to focus on the broad trade picture rather than particular transatlantic trade disputes. These are only the precursors to what could be expected if the Uruguay Round were to founder.

Britain has always put special effort into influencing American administrations at the beginning, when policy is still being formed. One meeting may say little about the future of the special relationship, but it has helped to confirm Britain's utility as a mediator between America and Europe. For all the jokes about "two countries divided by a common language" there is still something to be said for a common language.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

There is still no agreement on how to treat young criminals

The nation is uniting in moral outrage. Almost everyone seems prepared to abandon the doctrine that young criminals are simply victims of their social conditions who cannot be held morally responsible for their anti-social acts. But this cosy unanimity may not survive for long once specific punishments are on the agenda.

The Criminal Justice Act of 1991 is being attacked for its discouragement of custodial sentences for juveniles. But the act's treatment of the young was not based simply on a preference for rehabilitation over retribution. It rested on the demonstrable truth that incarcerating youngsters in penal institutions is likely to reinforce their criminality: 75 per cent of juveniles held in penal settings are reconvicted within two years.

Avoiding this pitfall, however, has rebounded in ways that politicians cannot afford to ignore. Society now feels helpless in the face of a youth crime wave which does not result from an increased number of delinquents but from a small number of persistent offenders who cannot be detained. A hard core of young criminals appear to have been emboldened by their awareness of how little the law can do to control them.

The law-abiding majority needs to be protected from crime as much as the fledgling criminal needs to be protected from his more experienced brethren. There is a great deal of political gain to be made by pointing this out. Most people agree on the need to remove persistent offenders, however young they might be, from the streets. But there is very little accord on a positive alternative to the universities of crime which inevitably result when offenders are locked up together.

Kenneth Clarke seems aware of this dilemma. He has outlined plans for a new generation of secure units which will offer not only "education, training and support" but the affection which he maintains offenders have not received at home. Mr Clarke's suggestions are threatening to fracture the consensus already.

His proposed new wave of institutions, however benignly described, will contain the crucial flaw of their earlier incarnations, borstals and approved schools. Instead of wayward youngsters being assimilated into society, they will be subjected to an even more intensive dose of the peer pressure which led them into crime.

Young persistent offenders are formed by a tribal adolescent culture which is peculiarly isolated from the moral values of the larger society. To isolate them further would almost undoubtedly exacerbate their delinquency. Even the "short, sharp shock" served only to produce fitter delinquents who were proud of the toughness that they had acquired under that harsh regime.

Agreeing on all the major moral propositions — that wrong-doing needs to be punished, that even disadvantaged individuals should be held responsible for their actions, and that ideas of absolute right and wrong need to be acknowledged by the law — does not provide any clear-cut remedies for the treatment of amoral youngsters who show no concern for others or interest in the future. Opinion is likely to divide now not on philosophical lines but on practical ones.

TURNER GOING ABOUT

National heritage lies in intentions as well as possessions

At least three separate questions are confused in the uproar over the decision of Royal Holloway College to sell its Turner. The first asks who should pay to repair a century's decay and thereafter maintain the buildings of the college. This Victorian version of a Loire château erected on the edge of Windsor Great Park is certainly remarkable; but in these thrifty times there is no fairy godmother from English Heritage or the University Funding Council likely to wave an extraordinary maintenance grant at it.

Colleges flogging the family pictures to mend the roof may present a melancholy contemporary image, but institutions have to make priorities in their housekeeping. If this money were being spent on improper or extraneous objects, to sell the Turner would be a wicked breach of trust. But for a college, its buildings are more important than the furniture and paintings that the founder (naming them in that order) bought to decorate it and left it in his will. For students to be surrounded by beautiful things is part of their education. But most students at Royal Holloway and New Bedford see the paintings only when they sit examinations.

The second question is whether the college should be allowed to break the trust of its founder by selling some of the 77 paintings with which he furnished it. These form an eclectic gallery of high Victorian taste. Thomas Holloway would have needed his patent pills to revive him had he been told that his Turner sprayscape was going to appreciate 3,000 times in value in a century. But he was founding a college, not a gallery.

The trustees and governors of institutions have to do their best to adapt to change and interpret the wishes of their founders. The Charity Commission has given permission for Royal Holloway to sell its Turner provided that the money goes into a trust fund to pay to preserve the building. Galleries and museums are a different case, being prohibited by law from selling their benefactions. Potential donors should not be deterred by the sale of the Turner, nor will it start a Gadarene rush to break up historic collections.

The third and easiest question is whether the heritage secretary should now grant an export licence to let the Turner go to the Getty Museum, or defer it to give British galleries time to raise the £11 million for this piece of the national heritage. He should grant the licence. Apart from exceptional pieces of historic national importance, art has always been an international heritage across frontiers. In any case, more Britons will see the Turner at Malibu than ever did at Egham, where the Royal Holloway could not afford proper insurance, security or attendants. The Tate already owns two-thirds of the Turners in existence, and can display only a tenth of its picture-stock at one time.

Thomas Holloway, that canny quack chemist and entrepreneur, would not have considered that his birthright was being sold for a mess of pottage. Just before his death, he wrote that the pictures were for "the benefit of those persons entitled to reside therein". They will benefit more from selling the paintings than ignoring them. Trust is to the spirit as well as the letter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rank and redundancy in the army

From Field Marshal Lord Bramall

Sir, Yesterday's announcement in the Commons by the armed forces minister that army officers serving in Bosnia will imminently be receiving compulsory redundancy notices brings into even sharper focus the importance of the debate which should now be taking place about Britain's proper military commitments, the resources allotted to them and how such resources should be found.

I am concerned that this debate has had a "red herring" drawn across it by Major General Ken Perkins's letter (February 8) on the large number of senior officers in active employment, and by the subsequent comments that the letter has attracted (letters, February 11, 13).

Such criticisms may encourage those who like to believe that you can achieve more defence for less money if you only removed certain "sacred cows". They are not, however, substantiated by the figures, for there has been a very significant and steady reduction in the number of senior officers over the last quarter of a century, which has been consistently much greater than the overall reductions in strengths.

Between 1970 and 1980 the army, for instance, was, as a whole, reduced by some 8 per cent, while posts of major general and above fell by 16 per cent: and the figures between 1981 and 1990 were 8 per cent and 19 per cent respectively.

Moreover, this process, which is the result of regular and continuing scrutiny of the value and need of every senior post, has accelerated during *Options for Change*, with the result that numbers continue to fall. So not only are we talking about trifling sums in relation to the overall defence budget, but the leadership, in these none too easy times for the armed forces, is setting a good example.

Ken Perkins quotes, as a pattern to be followed, the small forces of Oman, whose deployment and operations have been confined to their own territory. With the range of responsibilities of our own Ministry of Defence — a quarter of a million men under arms and our troops deployed from Belize to Hong Kong, and the Arctic Circle to the Falklands — so vastly different in every respect, any such comparisons and generalisations are bound to be inaccurate.

Finally, although some may look upon this as of secondary importance, the services cannot, in establishing a rank structure, overlook entirely the question of career prospects if they are to attract and retain officers of the right quality. Unlike the world of business and commerce, where status and advancement are measured more in salaries and benefits, in the armed forces they are reflected in rank.

We must not, therefore, allow the reduction of service posts, with the sharp diminution of promotion chances that this causes, to continue so far that we lose the sort of officers who have contributed so much to our achievements in the past — in the Falklands, the Gulf and elsewhere — and whom we so surely will need again in the uncertain future.

Yours sincerely,
BRAMALL,
(Chief of the Defence Staff, 1982-5),
House of Lords.
February 25.

Causes and cures for child crime

From Mr G. W. Taylor

Sir, The article by Sally Emerson (February 18) on the origins of wrongdoing and David Alton's call for serious enquiry into the causes of violence (report, February 20) are timely. While the country is incensed at the death of James Bulger, this could be found to have originated in a prank; no similar defence can justify the kidnap, rape and burning of women, and the fear of such incidents constitutes the ultimate inequality and discrimination against women in our society.

It will be important for enquiry not to be thwarted by the standard defences of the entertainment industry, which can make large profits from the portrayal of violence, or to be distracted by dogmatic insistence on the freedom of reporting "news".

Four arguments are commonly paraded: that normal people, including the young, are not misled by programmes or news broadcasts showing violence; that there is no proof that these presentations cause imitation; that attempts to sanitise society deserve ridicule; that any moves in this direction constitute censorship.

The falsehoods here must be exposed more thoroughly than I can attempt: but I suggest that normal people may have to surrender some freedom if the abnormal become too great a menace.

The evils to which our society is subjected are too serious to await absolute proof; ridicule and satire are the response of the embarrassed when they run short of rational argument; and the term censorship should apply to the suppression of intelligent or helpful ideas, not to the withdrawal of material which suggests to the susceptible, especially when frightened, that women or children are there for the enjoyment of the powerful.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. TAYLOR,
22 Culverden Park,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
February 20.

From Mr Peter J. Beer

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's call for the nurturing in our children of "the spirit of love" through prayer ("Where is morality without love?", February 22) requires a re-appraisal of the use made of many school assemblies.

Many clergy do not further their ministry in schools, as happens with chaplains in the independent sector, yet access to children in parishes, beyond the relatively small numbers who attend church and Sunday school, is limited. But here they receive the "confessional" teaching regarded as unacceptable in many schools, where assemblies may seem to offer little more than exercises in social conditioning.

It would benefit children if school authorities were to allow a role for those clergy wise in matters of spiritual development.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. BEER,
2 Hill Cottages, Reepham,
Nr Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr and Mrs Graeme E. Hall

Sir, In the light of the prime minister's statement concerning the harsher treatment of convicted criminals (report, February 22), all young children, starting in nursery and primary schools, should be taught a code of ethics and basic moral values as part of the national curriculum.

Teachers vary in what moral norms to teach children, but none could object to two of the Christian commandments: "Thou shalt not kill" and "Thou shalt not steal".

If we began this without delay the behaviour of a whole generation of children could improve dramatically.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME E. HALL,
JOAN C. HALL,
Cherry Tree House, Hacheston,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
February 22.

From Mr D. C. Gosney

Sir, Forty years ago, when I was a young teacher in an approved school, a 14-year-old with a lengthy delinquent record was placed in my class. During his first morning he proved provocative and tried to trip me as I walked past.

In my response I thumped him and put him on the floor.

Twenty years later a letter arrived from Germany, having followed my three changes of address. It was from the boy concerned, now a sergeant in the army and nearing the end of his service. He thanked me for all I had done for him and concluded: "I remember when you thumped me on that first day. It was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Nowadays, I would be sacked.

Yours faithfully,
D. C. GOSNEY,
11 Woodmans Orchard,
Talaton, Exeter, Devon.

From Miss M. McLean

Sir, In our sympathy for the Bulger family let us not forget the families of the two accused ten-year-olds, who must be devastated and whose anguish cannot be less than that of the Bulger family. They too need support and counselling.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET McLEAN,
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Pembroke Park, Portsmouth,
Hampshire.
February 20.

Euro-seat for the Rock?

From Mr Freddie Vasquez

Sir, As the UK government ponders what to do with its six extra seats in the European Parliament ("Ministers agonise over new Euro-seats", February 6; letter, February 16), it could do worse than to remember the people of Gibraltar, who are the only citizens of the European Community who have no representation in that assembly.

Gibraltar, by virtue of article 227(4) of the Treaty of Rome, is a territory to which the EC treaties apply, and the elected government of Gibraltar dutifully complies with its EC obligations and enacts all pertinent EC legislation.

Whilst it may be accepted that the attainment of an MEP for Gibraltar (to which many Gibraltarians aspire) is unrealistic, given the size of the population, it is more difficult to understand the UK government's refusal to contemplate an arrangement whereby the Gibraltarian electorate could be added on to one of the existing UK European constituencies. This would at least give the Gibraltarians a mandate and go some way towards alleviating a growing sense of isolation. Such an arrangement could readily be put in place at the same time as the drawing-up of the new constituency boundaries.

Even more difficult to understand and accept is the refusal by the UK government to contemplate Gibraltarian representation on the Committee of Regions soon to be established under the Maastricht treaty. The UK is having great difficulty in deciding how to apportion its 24 allocated representatives to this committee.

Cannot the UK government accept that the point of the committee is to give the more vulnerable, peripheral regions a voice in the Community? Such a notion goes beyond questions of dimensions or population of constituencies and the Gibraltarians fit the bill perfectly. It may then be possible for the government to do the decent thing by granting Gibraltar a representative on the committee.

Yours faithfully,
FREDDIE VASQUEZ
(Elected Member,
Gibraltar Social Democrats),
House of Assembly, Gibraltar.
February 18.

Wasteful puzzling

From Mr Derric Marsh

Sir, Many of us enjoy the intellectual word-sparring of your crosswords with little care as to whether we complete them in the boiling of an egg or the roasting of a leg (letters, February 15, 18, 20, 22). Our completion time would not matter — if it were not for your occasional off-putting footnotes that x percentage of those who have already had a go under competition rules completed the daunting puzzle in less than 30 minutes.

That devastating come-on adds a far greater strain and therefore time to the completion than the difficulty of the clues themselves.

Yours faithfully,
DERRIC MARSH,
54 Northdown Road,
Welling, Kent.
February 21.

From Miss Emily Morris

Sir, I take issue with the thrust of Mr Wagstaff's argument (letter, February 15). *Finishing* the new, tougher version decreases "personal feelings of inadequacy", while the greater mental rigour involved tends, I find, to improve concentration on professional matters. Far from deepening the current recession, your crossword setters may well be helping to bring about economic recovery.

Yours faithfully,
EMILY MORRIS,
39c Ripplevale Grove, N1.

From Mr Clive H. Young

Sir, It is good to see that the frontiers of medical science continue to be pushed back by Mr Wadsworth (letter, February 22).

There was a time when an alcoholic was defined as someone who drank more than his doctor. Now, it seems, you can get a good idea of the state of your health by measuring your ability to solve *The Times* crossword against that of your doctor.

Yours in as good health (hopefully) as Mr Wadsworth,
CLIVE YOUNG,
4 Langcombe Road,
Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.
February 22.

Chess rules

From Mr Marcel Berlins

Sir, I look forward to Nigel Short's attempt on the world's chess title (report, February 24) but wonder whether it is too late to change a rule of play which, for me, takes away some of the pleasure of the contest.

On the evening of an adjourned game — one that does not finish in one day — the contestants are entitled to discuss the options for the morrow with their expert advisers and anyone else with ideas to proffer. Indeed, Nigel Short was happy to admit that his tactics for the second day of one of the recent games against Jan Timman had been suggested to him by Jon Speelman, by fax.

Surely the game then ceases to be a struggle between two contestants and becomes a general free-for-all. Any victory thus obtained is tainted by being a collective, not an individual, effort. The rules of the recent Fischer-Spassky match laid down that all games should be played to a finish. Is it not time to impose a similar rule in important championship matches?

Yours etc,
MARCEL BERLINS,
Garden Flat,
7 Leighton Crescent, NW5.

Degree of safety

From Mr D. M. Stewart

Sir, I agree with Harry Greenway, MP (report, February 19), that the Congregation of Oxford University was pusillanimous in refusing an honorary degree for Mrs Thatcher (as she then was). It must be admitted, however, that, as the years went by, those who wished to deny her the degree had more and more effective ammunition.

It follows that honorary degrees should be conferred on politicians, if at all, immediately on their accession to power, as with President Clinton and many others — or, even better, immediately on their election as leader of the Opposition, when they are prominent but safely impotent.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. STEWART
(Principal),
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Maastricht debate

From Mr Martin Howe and Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, Mr Douglas Hurd's statement (report, February 16) on the potential effect of the Labour party's amendment relating to the social chapter raises points of profound legal and constitutional importance.

The Maastricht protocol on social policy gives the UK's permission to the other 11 states to use the common Community institutions, such as the Commission and the Court of Justice, for administering the quite separate social agreement of the 11. It provides that the UK will contribute towards the administrative costs involved.

Labour's amendment to the bill would delete Parliament's approval to the protocol on social policy. Mr Hurd argues, on the attorney-general's advice, that the Crown, acting under its common law powers, may ratify the protocol even in the absence of parliamentary approval.

Mr Hurd's argument, if correct, has the most far-reaching consequences. Under the authority of our Parliament, our share of the European Community budget is met from taxes and duties levied on the citizens of this country. If Mr Hurd is right, funds paid under the authority of Parliament into the Community budget could be diverted to almost any purpose without any parliamentary authority.

All that would be needed would be for the Crown to ratify under its common-law powers an amending treaty or proposal authorising the expenditure.

This legal proposition seems highly questionable. Labour's amendment, if carried, would clearly have the effect that the obligation to contribute to the administrative costs of the social agreement would not be a "Community obligation" as defined by the European Communities Act 1972.

In consequence, it is hard to see how the funds needed for this purpose could lawfully be paid out of the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom under the authority of section 2(3) of the 1972 act, as asserted by Mr Hurd.

Fortunately, there may be ways in which this question can be decided by our courts, rather than upon the basis of the shifting sands of the government's own legal advice.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN HOWE,
MICHAEL SHRIMPTON,
Francis Taylor Building,
Temple, EC4.

From Mr Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North (Conservative)

Sir, Your political editor suggests (February 23) that the chairman of the Conservative party would prefer a loyal supporter of the Maastricht treaty as the candidate for the Newbury by-election. If the local association want to win the contest, they would be well advised to take the opposite course.

Recent experience shows what a mountain any mid-term government candidate has to climb. Why exacerbate the situation by choosing someone who supports this unsupported treaty?

Far better to have a strongly anti-Maastricht, pro-referendum candidate who might actually win. It would also be a refreshing change to allow the electorate to participate, at last, in the debate over the nature of our European future.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MARLOW,
House of Commons.

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Identity problem

From Mr Dominic E. Walsh

Sir, Even if Mr Vaughan, a solicitor practising alone (letter, February 23), makes it through the telephonist's "who are you with?" barrier, I bet he is then faced with a secretary's "what's it in connection with?"

Finding a suitably succinct yet sufficiently convincing answer has often proved beyond me.

Yours sincerely,
D. WALSH,
Kelvin, Camden Road,
Carshalton, Surrey.
February 23.

From His Honour Mr Justice Millett

Sir, The solicitor in sole practice is not the only one to suffer an identity problem these days. How is a High Court judge to fill in an application form which demands the name and address of his employer? The Crown? Too pompous. The Queen? Too familiar. The Lord Chancellor? Unconstitutional. The Clerk of the Lists? Realistic but facetious.

More modern application forms have abandoned this question, only to demand instead the name and address of the applicant's company. So far this has defeated me. I know that human justice is limited, but I see no reason to acknowledge the fact when applying for a credit card.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. MILLETT,
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Strand, WC2.
February 23.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 25: His Excellency Mr George Papoulias and Mrs Papoulias were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St James's.

Miss Kathleen Raine had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented her with The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. The Poet Laureate (Mr Ted Hughes) was present.

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Institution of Water and Environmental Management, the Royal Westminster Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by His Excellency Sir Stanislaus James (Governor-General of St Lucia) at the State Funeral of Sir Allen Lewis (formerly Governor-General of St Lucia) which was held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Castries, St Lucia, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Roland Wiseman at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Adderley which was held at St Andrew's Church, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, today.

February 25: The Prince Edward today visited Northern Ireland and was received at Aldergrove Airport, Belfast, by Mr Jeremy Hanley (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), Sir Hugh Annesley (Chief Constable Royal Ulster Constabulary) and Lieutenant General Roger Wheeler (General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland).

The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited Strathearn School where His Royal Highness opened the new sports hall and attended the award's Young People's Forum and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson).

His Royal Highness later visited the 1st Battalion Irish Guards (Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Langton) in Country Fermanagh and remained to Luncheon.

The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon visited Hillsborough Castle where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow) and attended a Briefing on the impact of the Special Projects on the Award Scheme in Northern Ireland, met the young people involved in these projects and attended a Reception.

This evening His Royal Highness attended the Annual Award Ceremony for the Association of Business sponsorship to the Arts, the Dunadry Inn, Templepatrick, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Antrim (Captain Sir Richard Dobbs).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

February 25: The Princess Royal, Patron, University of the West Indies Development and Endowment Appeal, this evening attended a Gala Recital and Dinner at Lancaster House, London SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Lewis W Hammerson Memorial Home for the Elderly in the Bishop's Avenue, N2. Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 25: The Prince of Wales this morning attended an Executive Committee Meeting and Trustees Meeting of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London NW1. Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this afternoon received Professor El-Wakil.

The Prince of Wales later received the Archbishop of Canterbury. Finally his Royal Highness received the President of the British Legion (General Sir Edward Burgess).

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 25: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Douglas Bader Foundation, this morning opened the Douglas Bader Centre, a rehabilitation and recreation centre for the disabled, Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, London SW15.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Royal Marsden Hospital, afterwards opened the Wolfson Children's Cancer Unit, the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

February 25: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, British Museum, and The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening were present at a performance of 'Crazy For You' to launch the American Friends of the British Museum, Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton Street, London W1. Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 25: The Duchess of Kent, Patron the Choir Schools' Association, this morning visited King's College Choir School, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden). Her Royal Highness, Patron, Downing College, this afternoon visited the new Maitland Robinson Library, Downing College, Cambridge.

The Duchess of Kent later visited the Sue Ryder Home, The Old Palace, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

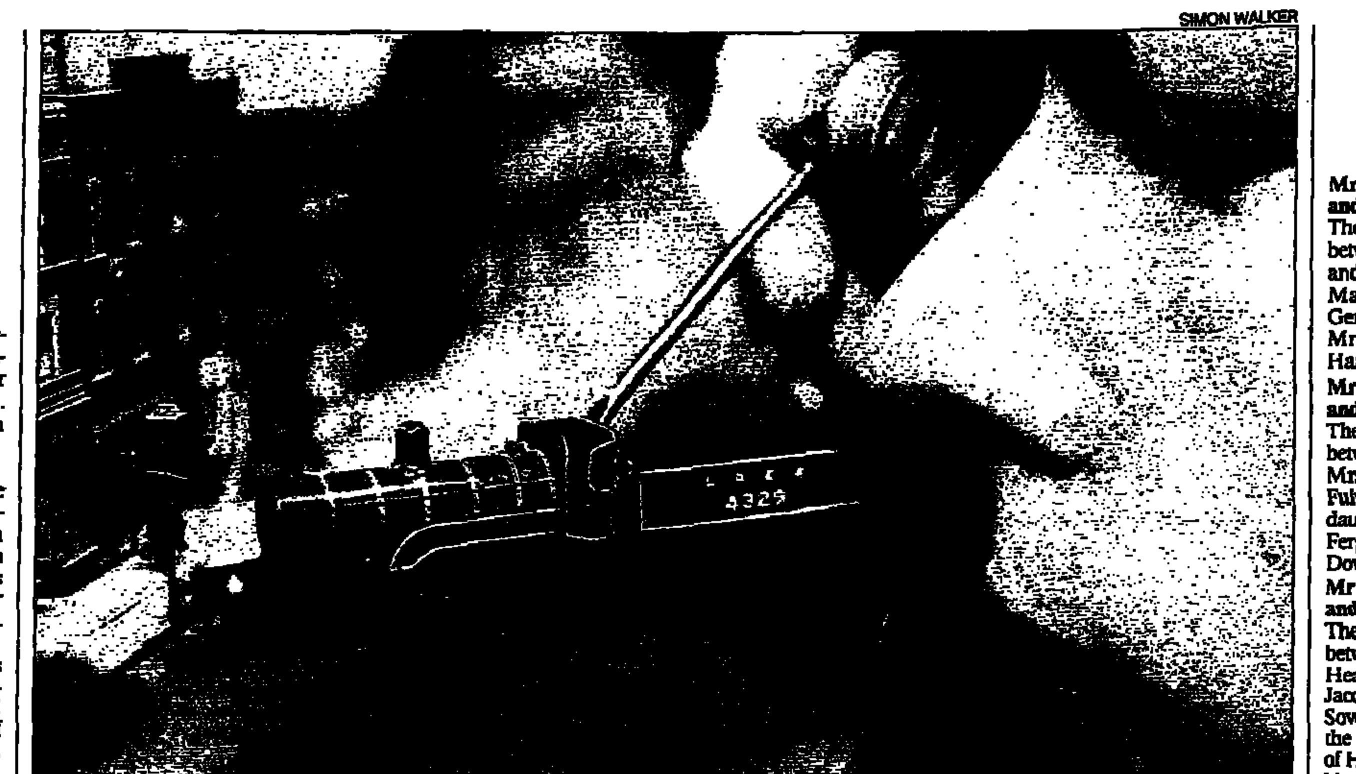
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
February 25: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Elmcroft Community Centre of the Worcester Park and North Cheam Community Association at London Road, North Cheam. Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Westminster Bereavement Service at the Carlton Club, St James's Street, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra was represented by Mrs Wendy Bain at the State Funeral of Sir Allen Lewis, formerly Governor-General of St Lucia, which was held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Castries, St Lucia, today.

SIMON WALKER



Time traveller: Tom Cunnington, layout organiser for the International Model Railway Exhibition, at work on an engine for this year's show at the Royal Horticultural Society's Halls in Westminster in April. The locomotive will be used in a layout depicting parts of Islington, north London, before the second world war

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will visit Cossham Memorial Hospital, Lodge Road, Bristol, at 2.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the Wiltshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs' 60th anniversary dinner dance at the Assembly Room, Melksham, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend a discourse by Professor Michael O'Shea at the Royal Institution of Great Britain at 7.15.

Buckingham Palace Luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party yesterday at Buckingham Palace. The guests were:

Mrs Jeremy Dixon (architect and travel photographer), Mrs John Strachan (chairman designate, Board of HM Customs and Excise), Mr Peter Badge (chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate), Mr Hayden Phillips (permanent secretary, Department of National Heritage), Professor Stewart Sutherland (vice-chancellor, London University and HM Chief Inspector for Schools in England), Judge Stephen Tumim (HM Chief Inspector of Prisons in England and Wales), Mr David Verey (chairman and chief executive, Lazard Brothers) and Mr Moray Watson (actor).

Wycombe Abbey School

Scholarship Awards 1993

The Wycombe Abbey Open Scholarship: Jointly - Urvashi Banerjee, Wycombe Abbey School and Erica King, S Anselm's School, Bakewell.

The William Johnston Yapp Scholarship: Jointly - Anne-Lise Goddings, St Hilary's School, Godalming, and Antonia Williams, Milbourne Lodge School, Esher.

The Whitelaw Scholarship for Music: Jointly - Eugenie Cheng, Oxford High School, and Jane-May Lu, Radstock County Primary School, Reading.

The Crosthwaite Scholarship: Lucy Smith, St Hilary's School, Godalming.

The Walpole Scholarship: Sarah Courtauld, Wycombe Abbey School.

Exhibitions: Emily Lambert, St John's College School, Cambridge; Tara Pilbrow, Wycombe Abbey School; Claire Slater (for Mathematics), Wycombe Abbey School; Petra Teacher, Wycombe Abbey School; Jemma Withers (for English), St Hugh's School, Faringdon.

Dinners

Needlemakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Needlemakers' Company held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Stuart Anslow-Wilson, Master, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, His Honour Edward Sutcliffe, QC, and Sir Alan Traill.

Institution of Electrical Engineers
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Ambassadors of Finland and Norway attended the annual dinner of the Institution of Electrical Engineers held last night at Grosvenor House. Professor Peter Lawrenson, president, was in the chair and the principal speakers were Lord King of Wartnaby and Mr Michael Grade.

Scottish Financial Enterprise
Scottish Financial Enterprise gave a dinner for Members and guests yesterday at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The guest speakers were Mr Iain Vallance, Chairman of BT, and the Right Hon Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Southampton University Air Squadron
Squadron Leader G.S. Kennedy, Commanding Officer of Southampton University Air Squadron, presided at the annual dinner held last night on HMS Daedalus. Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin was the guest of honour and others present included:

The AOC and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, the Director General of Support Services (RAF) and the Vice-Chancellors of Portsmouth and Southampton Universities.

British Academy of Forensic Sciences
Judge Timothy Lawrence presided at a friends' dinner of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences held last night at the Law Society. Mr J.G. Nutting also spoke.

Service dinner

Council of TA&VR Associations
The Council of Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations gave a farewell dinner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, last night in honour of Colonel Viscount Ridley, KG, Commodore L.A.W. Berry, Colonel A.B. Griffiths and Colonel D.S. Hall. General Sir John Akehurst presided and Viscount Ridley also spoke. The other guests included:

Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Lord Younger of Prestwick, Major-General B T Pennicott, Major-General A I G Kennedy and Miss A Walker.

Lecture and dinner

The Royal Academy of Engineering
The President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, Sir William Barlow, FEng, presided at the 1993 Lloyd's Register Lecture and Dinner held last night at the Institute of Marine Engineers, London. The guest speakers were Professor Phillip Capper and Mr John Bishop, partners in Masons, who spoke on "Practical Management of Legal Risks". Among those present were:

Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, OBE, Dr Jeffrey Edington, Mr Robin Biggam, Mr Bruce Pattullo, CBE, Mr Ken Turnbull, Mr Peter Mason, Mr Allan Gormly, Mr Andrew Buxton, Sir Philip Jones, CB, Sir Frederick Warner, FEng, FRS, Sir Archibald Forster, FEng, Dr Tim Jones, Mr John Melbourn and Professor Roger Wootton, FEng.

Birthdays today

Lord Bridge of Harwich, 76; Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 79; Mr Johnny Cash, singer, 61; Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman, APV, 64; Mr Frank Copplestone, deputy chairman, West Country Television, 68.

Mr David Edgar, playwright, 45; Lord Justice Farquharson, 65; Sir James Goldsmith, company chairman, 60; Dr B.J. Greenhill, author, 73; Miss Emma Kirkby, soprano, 44; Professor Noreen Murray, molecular biologist, 58; Mr E.D. Weekes, cricketer, 68.

Gray's Inn

Ronald Jack Walker, QC, Robin Potts, QC, Roger John Laugharne Thomas, QC, and John Francis Uff, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn. Mr Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chief Justice of Bangladesh, has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Luncheons

Consular Corps of London
The High Commissioner for New Zealand was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Consular Corps of London held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel, Grosvenor Square. Mr Willie S. Wilder president, was in the chair.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager, and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were:

The Right Hon David Mellor QC, MP, Colonel John Blashford-Snell, MBE, Ms Elizabeth Philips, MBE, Mr Ernest Maxin, Mr Jon Ashworth, Mr Peter Charlesworth, Ms Mia Strzelczyk, Ms Anne Naylor and Ms Sarah Cartledge.

Appointment

Mr Keith Povey, 49, to be chief constable of Leicestershire. Mr Povey, deputy chief constable of Northamptonshire, succeeds Mr Michael Hirst who has retired.

Reception

Butterworths
Mr Neville Cusworth, Chairman of Butterworths, was host at a Reception to mark the publishing house's 175th Anniversary given at Lincoln's Inn last night. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone was the principal guest. Among those present were:

Earl Ferrers, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Woolf, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lady Hailsham, Sir Donald Nicholls, Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hoffmann, Mr Justice Millett, Mr Justice Ward, Mrs Justice Bracewell, Mr Justice Cresswell, Mr Justice Laws, Sir Gordon Borrie, Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir William Dale, Sir Jack Jacobs, Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, Professor Sir John Smith, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Mr Peter Davis, Mr William Powell, MP, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, and Mr John Taylor, MP.

Poulters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr D.C. Butcher; Upper Warden, Mr R.P. Juniper; Renter Warden, Mr J.G. Butcher.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.W. Beard and Miss G.E. Mason
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs Cecil Beard, of Marchington, Staffordshire, and Geraldine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Mason, of Hanbury, Staffordshire.

Mr P.G. Cattermull and Miss A.A. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Colonel and Mrs David Cattermull, of Fulwood, Lancashire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Ferguson, of Banbridge, Co Down.

Mr A. Cawte and Miss J.S. Rochelle
The engagement is announced between Anthony Cawte, of Nags Head Lane, Rochester, and Jacqueline Rochelle, Dame of the Sovereign and Military Order of the Knights Templar of Jerusalem, of High Street, Rochester, with the blessings of the two families.

Mr G. Collison and Miss C.M. Frazer
The engagement is announced between Grant, elder son of Mr and Mrs Norman Collison, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ewan Frazer, of Cranbrook, Kent.

Mr S.J. Doe and Miss K.G. Rigby
The engagement is announced between Stephen James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Doe, of Empingham, near Oakham, Rutland, and Kate Goth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rigby, of Hawkley, near Liss, Hampshire.

Mr T.A. Frossell and Miss J.C. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of the late Mr Dennis Frossell and of Mrs Victoria Frossell, of Astwood, Buckinghamshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Thomas, of Great Linford, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.B. Goodbody and Miss C.M. Farr
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Goodbody, of Islington, London, and Clarissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Farr, of Queen Camel, Somerset.

Mr M.R. Joly de Lotbinière and Ms A.X. Holgate
The engagement is announced between Max, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Joly de Lotbinière, of London, and Amanda, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Holgate, of Durham.

Mr D.H. Kirby-Welch and Miss M.A. Nietsch
The engagement is announced between David Kirby-Welch, of Harrogate, and Margaret Nietsch, of Chester.

Captain S.D. Lingard, RA, and Miss P.J. Dewhurst
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Lingard, of Blockley, Gloucestershire, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dewhurst, of Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.T. Kevill and Miss M.S. Pasqua
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Kevill, of Lower Lickhurst Farm, Goosnargh, Lancashire, and Michèle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Pasqua, of Elms Farm, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

Mr M.J. Locke and Miss H.C. Fearfield
The engagement is announced between Matthew James, only son of Mr and Mrs John Locke, of Oxton, Devon, and Heather Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Fearfield, of Blackheath, London.

Dr W.M.D. McGeoch and Dr M.M. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. McGeoch, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Ellis, of Langland, Swansea.

Mr J.E.F. Menges and Miss H.C. McKenna
The engagement is announced between Julian Edward Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Menges, of Old Basing, Hampshire, and Helen Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs William McKenna, of Bowness-on-Solway, Cumbria.

Mr R.R.J. Perry and Miss L.C. Mallalieu
The engagement is announced between Roland, son of Mr and Mrs J. Perry, of Wimbledon, and Lucy, daughter of Mr A.A. Mallalieu, of Huddersfield, and Mrs S. Whitfield, of Grassington, North Yorkshire.

Mr B.P. Stops and Miss G.M.M. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Bruce Patrick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stops, of Leicestershire, and Genista, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Morgan, of Nawton, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.A.H. de T. Tiptaft and Mlle S.C.O. Pasquier
The wedding will take place in Hong Kong, of Justyn, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.H.P. Tiptaft, of Wentworth, Yorkshire, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Dr Y.M. Pasquier, of La Rochelle, and Mme A. Pasquier, of Montpellier.

Mr S.G.C. Towers and Miss J.E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Basil Towers, of Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr Geoffrey Martin, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Mrs Pat Martin, of Uppingham, Rutland.

Marriage

Mr J.V.T. de Falbe and Miss F.L.S. Willis
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, at St Laurence's, Seale, of John, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.V.W. de Falbe, to Fenella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Willis.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer, London, 1671; Victor Hugo, author, Besançon, France, 1802; William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), showman, Scott County, Iowa, 1846; Emile Coué, psychotherapist, Troyes, France, 1857; Frank Bridge, composer, Brighton, 1879.

DEATHS: Thomas d'Urfey, satirist, London, 1723; Giuseppe Tartini, composer, Padua, 1770; Alexander Geddes, biblical critic, London, 1802; John Philip Kemble, actor-manager, Lausanne, 1823; Alois Senefelder, inventor of lithography, Munich, 1834; Frederick Tennyson, poet, London, 1898; Sir Harry Lauder, comedian, Strathaven, 1950; William Ralph Inge, Dean of St Paul's 1911-1934, Wallingford, 1954; Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister of Israel 1963-69, Jerusalem, 1969; Karl Jaspers, Existentialist philosopher, Basel, 1969.

£1 and £2 bank notes were issued for the first time, 1797; Napoleon escaped from Elba, 1815.

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Hebrews 4:12

BIRTHS

ATKINSON-CLARK - On February 20th, to Sarah and George, a son, Henry, a brother for Edward and Sophie.

BRINDLE - On February 20th, to Heather (née Pearce) and Michael, a daughter, Antonia Claire, a sister for Alice.

GADSDEN - On 23rd February at The Portland Hospital, to Melissa and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Rosamund Beatrice.

GREENHILL - On February 19th at the Wellington Hospital, to Phyllis and Paul, a son Samuel Nicholas Greenhill. Grandparents Catherine Greenhill Clark Travell.

HADJIPATERAS - On February 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Daphne (née Mesologgides) and John, a beautiful daughter, Eirini.

HOLBROOK - On February 24th, to Lucinda (née Gough-Allen) and Robert, a son, Tom.

HUTCHISON - To Nicola (née Southgate) and Michael, a son, born February 9th 1993, a brother for Annabel and Jonathan.

JAZAYERI - On February 21st at The Portland Hospital London, to Negin Ganjavi and Ahmad, a handsome son, Amin Ahmad.

KITCATT - On February 24th to Cathy (née Bowden) and Paul, a daughter, Eleanor Rose, a sister for Alice May.

MACNAMARA - On 25th February 1993, a joyous occasion - The birth of Amy Jane, 8½lbs. I'm proud of you Fiona, love Martin.

ROSE - On 1st February at the Wellington Hospital, to Virginia (née Bray) and Angus, a son, Alexander Fredrick Louis, a brother for Max.

SIMPSON - On February 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Dee Dee and David, a son, James Christopher David, a brother for Diana.

SULLIVAN - On February 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Betsy Garrett and Paul, a beautiful son, Benjamin Ryan.

VILLANUEVA BRANDT - On 19th February, to Henrietta and Carlos, a son.

DEATHS

ABELSON - Mary Maude (Mopsie), peacefully, following a stroke, at Summerdown Nursing Home on 23rd February 1993 aged 86. Widow of Milton, darling mother of Eileen, Midge, Yvonne and Armand (dec), grandmother of Peter, Christopher, Linda, Melanie and Miles and great-grandmother of Chloe and Charlotte. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium at 1 pm on Tuesday 2nd March 1993. All enquiries and flowers to Haine & Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4UJ. Alternatively, donations may be sent to The Stroke Association, 8 Saffrons Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 1DG.

BARNETT-ROBERTS - On 23rd February 1993, peacefully in hospital after a gallant fight, George (David) Barnett-Roberts LLB, LDS, RCS. Dear brother of Barbara (Zimbabwe) and dearest friend of Trudi. Service on Monday 1st March Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. All enquiries to Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, tel: (0273) 821985.

BASSETT - On February 24th at Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington, after a courageous fight against cancer, John, beloved husband of Josephine and much loved father of Peter and Robert. Former Senior Partner of St Quintin and a past President of the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation. Private family cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. No flowers please, but donations for Oakhaven Hospice or Milford Hospital League of Friends (MacMillan Nurses), c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

BELL - On February 25th, peacefully at Bramshott, Hampshire, Monica, aged 87 years. She will be much missed by all her relatives and friends. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday March 2nd at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to G.M. Luff & Partners (0428) 643524.

BISHOP - On Tuesday 23rd February, suddenly, James Stanley (Jimmy), beloved husband of Margaret and loved father of Keith and Sue. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday 5th March. Enquiries and donations to J.A. Massey, 142 Station Road, Harrow, (081) 422-1688, in aid of Chest, Heart & Stroke Association. No flowers please.

CROSSLAND - Richard Walker Crossland B.Sc., M.Ed. On February 25th, peacefully at home, beloved husband of Jeannette, a marvellous father and grandfather, of Grange-over-Sands. Senior Lecturer and past Dean of The Faculty of Education at The University of Manchester. The Funeral Service will take place at Lancaster Crematorium on Tuesday March 2nd at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu made payable to The Kirkstone Unit, West Moorland General Hospital. Donations and enquiries to Alan J. Thompson Funeral Service, Cark'in Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 7NU, tel: (05395) 58732.

DOCKER - On February 24th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Diana Mary, widow of George. Funeral Service at the Church of St Bartholomew, Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon on Tuesday March 2nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for the Imperial Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5YT.

DUMERESQUE - On Wednesday 24th February after a short illness, John Sibley, co-founder of Radio Malaya. Dearly loved by his late wife Rhona, his children Wendy, Jill, Michael and David and his many grand-children. Family funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, 2.30 pm Tuesday 9th March. Family flowers only, please.

FRYER - On February 19th, aged 92, Major-General Wilfred George (Bill). Enquiries to Curtis & Son, Warminster. (0985) 212035.

GODSAL - On February 23rd, very peacefully, May Kathleen, in her 97th year. Widow of John Godsal, much loved mother of David, Margaret, Robert and Michael and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Brasted, on Thursday 4th March at 2.30pm. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co, (0732) 454457.

GROVES-RAINES - On 24th February, peacefully in hospital, Ralph Gore Antony, much loved uncle and great-uncle. Funeral Service on Thursday 4th March at 3.30 pm Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to N.I. Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o T.H. Sanders and Sons, 1A Upper Ham Road, Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey.

HENDERSON - Dearest Bruno, a true aristocat, our 'fifth son and brother', died peacefully on Ash Wednesday.

HOSKEN - On February 12th, Boston USA, James Cuthbert, much loved husband of Gwennie.

HOY - On Thursday 25th February 1993, peacefully at The Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, after a short illness, Nancy Hamlyn Rae McArthur, The Right Honourable The Lady Hoy of Leith. Beloved wife of the late James Hutchison Hoy, The Right Honourable The Lord Hoy of Leith PC, DL, and loved mother of Ian. Funeral Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Tuesday March 2nd at 3 pm.

INCE - Bernard of East Lavant, peacefully on 20th February, aged 84. Former Director of Johnson Matthey. Beloved husband of Mike. Funeral private, no flowers.

JENKINS - On 24th February 1993, Alan, beloved husband of Margaret, dearly loved and loving father of Annabel and proud grandfather of William, Elizabeth and Thomas Mallia. Funeral Service on Thursday 4th March at St Lawrence Church, Effingham at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, if desired donations for Parkinsons Disease Society may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

LAWRENCE - On 24th February, peacefully, Sara Honoria Angel, aged 80. Second daughter of the 3rd Baron Lawrence, beloved sister of Kitty and Nona, special Aunt to all her nephews and nieces. Funeral 12 noon on Wednesday 3rd March at St Peter and St Paul's Church, West Wittering. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, tel: (0892) 522462.

LETHAM - On Wednesday 24th February 1993, peacefully in hospital after a short and sudden illness, Vicki (née Newman) aged 66 years. Dearly loved and devoted wife of Johnnie, cherished mother of Jane, Sally, Susie and Penny and adored and doting grandma to her 13 grandchildren. Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 3rd March at The Minster Church, Ilminster, Somerset at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to British Heart Foundation (Musgrove Cardiac Monitor Appeal) c/o J & J Panting Funeral Directors, 7 West Street, Ilminster, Somerset, tel: (0460) 52576.

LLEWELYN - Elizabeth (née Hebba), on February 25th 1993, peacefully at home. Dearly loved wife of John and mother of Jane and Martin. Funeral Service at All Saints', Nazeing, on Wednesday 3rd March at 11.30 am.

MASSIE - Annette, after a short illness, on February 19th. Deeply missed by all her friends and relatives in Australia, England and France. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday March 4th at 4pm. Flowers to Ballard Funeral Directors, 308 Brompton Road, Earls Court, London SW5 9JF or donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

MAYNE - On February 24th 1993, peacefully at Ashley House, Cirencester, Martha Laura (née Griffiths) aged 89. Widow of John Leonard and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium at noon on Wednesday 3rd March. Enquiries (0285) 653525.

OAKELEY - Lady Anne (Anne de Nyst) widow of Sir Charles Oakeley BT., peacefully after a long and painful illness. Family funeral March 4th. Flowers to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, 190 South Street, Dorking, Surrey (0306-882266) or donations to: Share Music Charity (Promoting Residential Music Courses for Disabled People), 15 Deramore Drive, Belfast BT9 5JQ.

PORTER - On February 22nd 1993, died peacefully in Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, James Morier, Major R.A. (rtd) aged 58. Beloved husband of Virginia (Vidge) and devoted father of William and David. You will be in our thoughts and all the happy memories will not be forgotten. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Alban The Martyr, Larkhill, on Wednesday 3rd March at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for R.N.L.I. c/o I.N. Newman, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1HL.

POTT - On 23rd February, at home, aged 86, Dr. Mildred Isobel MB, ChB, MRCS, LRCP, DCH, DPM, MRCPsych. Beloved friend, sister, aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral 2pm Wednesday 3rd March, St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park, London W4. Cut flowers only or donations to MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED. Enquiries W.S. Bond Ltd., 127 Chiswick High Road, London W4 2ED, tel: (081) 994-0277.

ROBERTS - Margaret Elizabeth of Westcote, Glos. Aged 81 years, Oblate of the Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr. Loved by her family and many friends. Requiem Eucharist 12.15pm, Funeral Service 2.15pm, both on Monday 1st March at St Mary's Church, Westcote. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to U.S.P.G.

ROBSON - On 25th February, peacefully at home, Nigel John, aged 66. Much loved husband to Anna, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Witley Church on Thursday March 4th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Nursing Fund, c/o J. Gorringe & Son, tel: (0483) 416403.

ROUSE - Marion Kathleen aged 62, on Monday 22nd February, suddenly at her home in Wandsworth. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd March at 12 noon. Flowers accepted. Donations should be sent to Alzheimers Disease Association, 158-160 Balham Road, London SW12 9BN.

SHAW-KENNEDY - On February 23rd in London, Marion Scot, loved and loving mother of Anne and grandmother of Jamie, Alisa and Paul. Greatly missed by her family and many friends. R.I.P. Funeral at Chelsea Old Church on Monday March 8th at 11 am. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W8, tel: (071) 937-0757.

SKIPPER - On Tuesday February 23rd, Edna, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, at peace with her Lord. Funeral Service to take place at Chenies Baptist Church on Monday March 1st at 3 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Daniel Ward Fund, Mount Vernon Hospital, c/o James Peddle Ltd., 66 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts.

VERNON - On 22nd February in Wagga Wagga, NSW, Captain Maurice, OBE, DSC, RN retd and KAR, aged 97, lately of Kenya and Malaga. Much loved by his wife Joyce and three generations of their family. Box No 1206.

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OBITUARIES

ADINA SZWAJGER

Adina Blaldy Szwajger, a paediatrician in the Warsaw Ghetto who performed euthanasia on suffering children, died in Lodz, Poland, on February 19 aged 75.

IT WAS in her book *I Remember Nothing More: The Warsaw Children's Hospital and the Jewish Resistance* published in Britain in 1988 that Adina Szwajger, first publicly described how, while working as a nurse in a children's hospital in the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, she had administered fatal doses of morphine to children to give them a peaceful death rather than have them endure further suffering and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis.

For more than 40 years she had resisted the idea of writing of what she had experienced and what she had done. "What had happened wasn't something to be written about, or read," she said. "I believed that I had the right to remain silent."

Adina Szwajger was a medical student when the war began. As a Jew she was condemned to live in the walled Warsaw ghetto and



worked in a ghetto children's hospital. At her death she was one of the few remaining survivors of the ghetto where nearly half a million Jews died from disease, starvation and execution or were deported to death camps.

In March 1940 she had begun working at the hospital, eight months before it was sealed off from the rest of the city. Before long, she recalled in her book, the hospital had become little more than a hospice. Children were dying of tuberculosis, typhus and starvation. Yet outside were others, many naked, crying to be admitted. Bodies of babies lay in the gutter wrapped in newspaper. Hospital orderlies were slowly dying of hunger too. The doctors and nurses drank a glass of raw spirits each morning to keep their calorie intake just above the fatal minimum.

Adina Szwajger caught typhus but recovered. Then on July 22, 1942, the Germans began the first round-up of Jews for the trains waiting to take them to the gas chambers at Treblinka. At one point Szwajger took an overdose of phenobarbitone with vodka but was found by friends and recovered.

After the hospital was moved to the Umschlagplatz, where the trains were loading, there were scores of children too sick to move, waiting to be thrown aboard the trucks or killed on the spot by Ukrainian guards.

It was at this stage, said Szwajger, that she first gave a lethal injection to one helpless but conscious old woman. Then she took a flagon of morphine, went to the infants' ward and — one by one — ensured that they would never wake up again.

After the destruction of the ghetto Adina Szwajger and other surviving members of the Jewish Fighting Organisation hid and supplied Jewish fugitives in "Aryan" Warsaw. During this period, she said, she performed abortions on some Jewish girls in hiding because their hiding places would have been given away by the cries of babies. She also admitted putting to death one Jewish girl who, she said, had gone mad and was thus endangering all the others hiding in the same house.

Szwajger went on to serve as a nurse in the 1944 Warsaw Rising. After the war she completed her medical studies in Lodz and went back to work as paediatrician, spending most of her time caring for children with tuberculosis. Her friends said her decision to provide euthanasia had left her with doubts for the rest of her life and she had often questioned whether she had the right to be a doctor at all having done what she had done.

Adina Szwajger's first husband was killed by the Nazis and later, when she became pregnant while fighting in the resistance, she arranged an abortion for herself because she believed children should not be born into such a world. She married again after the war and had two daughters.

Muhammad Natsir

Muhammad Natsir, a former prime minister of Indonesia and vice president of the World Muslim Congress, died on February 6 aged 84. He was born in the western Sumatran town of Alahan Panjang on July 17, 1908.

Natsir served as general chairman of Masyumi, Indonesia's most powerful Islamic party in the 1950s.

He was made minister of information in 1946 and was prime minister from 1950 to 1951. Natsir was a member of the World Muslim Congress, the Mecca-based Rabithah Alam Islami and, from 1976 the World Mosque Council. He is survived by four daughters and one son.

PROFESSOR J. S. KENNEDY

Professor J. S. Kennedy, FRS, Cambridge, Imperial College and Oxford zoologist, died on February 4 aged 80. Although British, he was born in Pennsylvania on May 15, 1912.



JOHN KENNEDY was one of V. B. Wigglesworth's remarkable gang of insect experimentalists, who, after the second world war, changed the face of entomology, bringing it out of the Victorian vicar's parlour and into the fore of 20th century science. Wigglesworth's retirement in 1967 enforced the diaspora of the Agriculture Research Council Unit, but T. R. E. Southwood, the young head of Zoology at Imperial College, recognised the opportunity and snatched up both Kennedy and his close colleague and friend, the late A. D. Lees.

The two formed a new ARC Insect Physiology group at Imperial's Silwood Park, Ascot. Here Kennedy blossomed as a research leader, and the group flourished. In due course, when Kennedy himself retired — if that is the right word — Southwood, now head of Zoology at Oxford, once again offered hospitality, and Kennedy spent his remaining years as research associate there.

John Kennedy died peacefully at work in the Zoology Department at Oxford. He would not have wished it otherwise; he listed his recreations in *Who's Who* as "interior design" but research was his real recreation, and he continued it right up to the very last hour of his life.

The son of deeply religious parents, he spent an unsettling childhood moving between continents and schools, as his father, an engineer, changed jobs. Finally, the family moved to London and sent Kennedy as a dayboy to Westminster School. There, his interest in Biology was generated by an inspired student teacher.

University College, London, followed, and initiation, through J. B. S. Haldane and G. P. Wells, to the then revolutionary, "Mechanist" approach to biology. This hotbed of rationalist thinking awoke in Kennedy a deep scepticism of the anthropomorphic "Vitalist" approach to biology — and of religion — and led him to a passion for social justice. Like many intellectuals in the 1930s, he recoiled from the Fascist horrors in Europe into the arms of Marxism.

This political activity interfered somewhat with his academic progress (not for the last time), and he received an upper second class degree rather than the first for which he had been tipped. With a £50 scholarship thus earned, he worked on fly behaviour under G. S. Fraenkel for an MSc, and followed that with a PhD in 1938 on the unsolved mysteries of locust swarming, studied under G. L. Gunn and B. P. Uvarov at the Imperial Institute of Entomology at Birmingham, and in the Sudan. That led to work on mosquito behaviour at the London School of Tropical Medicine, and to an extraordinarily prescient paper on insect flight orientation that is still regularly cited today.

During the second world war, he rejoined Uvarov to work — in uniform — on a largely fruitless attempt to control the locusts that threatened food supplies in India, the Middle East, and Africa.

At the London School he had met, and greatly impressed, V. B. Wigglesworth, who sent him a pressing invitation in 1943 to join his new ARC Unit of Insect Physiology at Cambridge. Although it would have been his first "real" job, Kennedy resisted the temptation until the war was over.

An "arranged" meeting with another biologist also changed his life at this time. He was introduced to Dr Claudette Bloch, a young French communist, still recovering from the trauma of four years in Auschwitz. Their marriage in 1950 — the second for each of them — led to a deeply satisfying and happy partnership, both domestically and intellectually. Their home was a haven for family and colleagues alike, and often the source of huge fun. Distinctions accrued to Kennedy (some perhaps delayed by the lingering doubts of his elders as to his politics): a DSc in 1956, fellowships of the Royal Society in 1965; Wolfson College, Cambridge, in 1966; University College, London, in 1967; and Imperial College, in 1982, and gold medals from the Linnaean Society and Royal Entomological Society.

Working as he did on insects, Kennedy had sensed early on that those behavioural scientists who studied birds and mammals were too ready to attribute human sensations and intentions to the animals they observed. He detected his anthropomorphism particularly in the writings of Konrad Lorenz, who was propounding the new, naturalistic "ethology" as a clean break from the sterile 1930s' experimental psychology that focused on laboratory studies of learning.

Kennedy was not afraid to point to the subjectivism inherent in Lorenz's supposedly objective new science. When he did so, in a seminal paper in 1954, he won few friends, though later many behavioural scientists came to agree with him. He pursued this crusade against anthropomorphism throughout his life, devoting his final years to writing a book aimed at the relapsed "new" anthropomorphists, as he called them.

This clear-thinking approach to the complexities of understanding animal behaviour — especially his work in animal orientation, insect migration, and insect flight — produced papers that are the outstanding landmarks in the field, and led many — from all over the world — to come and sit at his feet, all listened — and left intellectually refreshed.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

MUHAMMAD EL-ZAYYAT

Muhammad el-Zayyat, foreign minister of Egypt, 1972-73, died on February 24 aged 78. He was born on February 14, 1915.

ALTHOUGH relatively little attention was paid to it at the time, it was Muhammad el-Zayyat who first voiced publicly Egypt's willingness to recognise Israel formally — six years before President Anwar Sadat's historic initiative brought such an unexpected event to reality.

The date was February 1971. In the wake of the Six Day War of 1967 and the subsequent war of attrition, six major peace initiatives had yielded no results and the Yom Kippur war had still to be fought. Yet el-Zayyat, who was Egypt's representative at the United Nations, stated, unambiguously, in a newspaper interview that Egypt was ready to recognise Israel as a sovereign state and to respect its Jewish nature. True he added the rider, clearly unacceptable to the Israeli government, that the Jewish state would have to drop its claim to be the homeland of the world's Jews. But his words had diplomatic significance both in the fact of their utterance and in the fact that el-Zayyat was not promptly sacked by his masters in Cairo. Indeed, with hindsight, they can be viewed as a sign of the way President Sadat's thinking was developing.

El-Zayyat's words carried the opposite significance three months later when it fell to him to deny, at a specially convened press conference in Cairo, that President Sadat had meant it literally when he declared in a speech that Sinai would be liberated in a year's time. El-Zayyat's statement was designed to arrest mounting concern over the militancy of Egypt's public posture. It was, in fact, 18 months later that Sadat launched the unexpected Yom Kippur war which — if it did not liberate the Sinai — at least laid the groundwork for the eventual settlement.

Muhammad el-Zayyat was one of Sadat's most trusted aides. He served as the Cairo government's chief spokesman following Egypt's defeat in the Six Day war and was Egypt's chief delegate to the UN from 1969 to 1972. He then joined the cabinet, serving for eight months as information minister. His appointment as foreign minister in September 1972 followed Sadat's surprise mass expulsion of Soviet advisers and reflected the Egyptian president's switch of allegiance from Moscow to Washington. It was undoubtedly a key move in the sensitive period preceding the launching of the October war.

One of his special strengths was his understanding of western attitudes and his ability to convey Arab ones. This was much appreciated both by fellow diplomats and journalists as he could usually be relied upon to deliver statements of substance rather than the woolly rhetoric so often encountered. Following the massacre of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in September 1972 he was regarded as the Egyptian best equipped to repair the damage done to the Arab cause in the West.

In 1973 el-Zayyat became Sadat's special envoy to Europe and continued, for three years, to be a senior presidential adviser.

A large jovial man with the appearance of a cuddly bear, he was well-known for his sense of humour. But his tongue also had a sharp edge and he could express his displeasure, when required, in five languages.

El-Zayyat attended Cairo University and Oxford, where he obtained his PhD before becoming a lecturer and assistant professor at Alexandria University. Six years later he joined Egypt's diplomatic corps. He served in Washington from 1950 to 1954 and was then chargé d'affaires in Tehran. He became Cairo's permanent delegate to the Arab League, 1960-62 and was then briefly ambassador to India. Back in Cairo he was government spokesman, 1967-79. He returned to the UN as Cairo's permanent representative, 1969-71. A widower, el-Zayyat is survived by a son and two daughters.

B. A. Steward

B. A. Steward died at his home in Felixstowe on February 21, just two days before his 96th birthday. He was born in Norwich on February 23, 1897. He was well known throughout Suffolk and Norfolk for his writing on farming and for his books, especially *One Journey*, a biography which provides a picture of farming in East Anglia between the wars.

Steward was educated at the Paston School, North Walsham. He joined up at the outbreak of war in 1914 at the age of 17, was wounded in the battle of the Somme and returned to the front later as a captain in the Tank Corps.

After the war he left a good job in the City in order to take up farming. After training on a smallholding he farmed in Norfolk and Suffolk.

He played a major role in the introduction of milk recording and also became the agricultural correspondent of the *Daily Herald*.

At the same time he started and edited a farming journal, *The Daily Farmer*.

He leaves a widow, a daughter and a son.

JOHN AVELING

John Aveling, historian, Anglican priest and Roman Catholic monk, died on February 1 aged 75. He was born on June 11, 1917.

JOHN AVELING was best known as a historian and researcher of great gifts, but it was his following of religious truth that marked and shaped his life. Benedictine monks take a religious name when they are given the habit: John Aveling took the name of Hugh and it was as Father Hugh that he was known to his brethren and friends at Ampleforth. They remained in touch with him and his wife to the end.

Typically, his own sense of delicacy and his natural shyness kept him much in the background during his later visits to the Abbey where he had led a religious life of notable integrity for 20 years, and from which he emerged into a traumatic period of upset, paralleling and perhaps exceeding in intensity the different agonies of conversion to Catholicism through which he had passed as a young man.

He was born in Grantham, attending the King's School there, and afterwards reading History at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He gained a double first with distinction in both parts of the Tripos. Devoutly Christian, he then went to Lincoln Theological College instead of entering upon the academic career which beckoned. He was ordained to the Anglican priesthood and worked as a curate in All Souls parish, Leeds, from 1940 to 1945. Long afterwards, he recalled, with that special delight in human foibles and strategies which was part of his character, a fellow Anglo-Catholic priest who brought his evangelical parish by steady gradations of colour from black to white and gold to acceptance of stole and chasuble.

After this experience of parish work, he tried his vocation with the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield but then in 1946 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church and soon entered the novitiate at Ampleforth Abbey. There he was ordained priest, and lived in the steady round of prayer and work of the Community. He was senior history master from 1954 to 1966, leading a department of abiding distinction, which made a notable contribution to the rise of Ampleforth's academic reputation. He worked also in the parishes close to the Abbey, especially at Kirkby Moorside. He taught the history of the Church during much of that same period to successive generations of junior monks, who benefited as much as the boys, and perhaps appreciated more than schoolboys could, his precisely expressed fact-filled interpretation, gilded with a dry humour. Even so, the moment of amusement had often almost passed before his hearers caught on, to be rewarded with a smile that revealed the true warmth and humanity of the man.

Such a life was toil enough, particularly for a man who taught from detailed notes, regularly rewritten. But he had early begun on a demanding and lonely programme of research, writing papers on the fate of the individual monks of the dissolved abbeys of Rievaulx and Byland, finding out all there was to be found of their subsequent wanderings. His later work on English Catholicism after the Reformation has become better known. On a feast such as All Saints, a holiday for the school, he would go with a packet of sandwiches to delve into family archives while others would gratefully unbend in less intellectual ways.

His four painstaking studies on *Post-Reformation Catholicism in East Yorkshire 1558-1790* (1960), on the West Riding (1963), the North Riding (1966) and the City of York (1970) helped to establish the historical study of English Catholicism on a scholarly basis and made his own reputation. His general survey of the period *The Handle and the Axe: the Catholic Recusants in England from Reformation to Emancipation* appeared in 1976. The title was characteristic of his gift for concrete and ironical writing: his pen pictures of occasions and individuals recalling those of his better known contemporary, the great monastic historian David Knowles, but sparer in outline. He excelled in the amassing of telling detail, with a multitude of personal references, as when he described the winnowing of the Catholic aristocracy and gentry by the new anti-Catholic penal legislation of the 1690s but demonstrated also the emergence of a Catholic middle class in the 18th century.

He was able to view the Second Vatican Council in the light of the long struggles of the early Church towards theological understanding, the faith expressed in and sometimes obfuscated by the language of the time. But for a man who had moved steadily towards conversion by intellectual conviction, the winds of the time brought serious emotional disturbance.

About this time, he preached a sermon on the ecumenical movement, taking as his text the words, "Compel them to come in". Things were worsened by the death of his closest friend in the Community, and he suffered a breakdown in 1966. After a period at Ampleforth's St Benet's Hall in Oxford he left the Community, resuming his work as an Anglican priest. This return to the Anglican ministry did not last, and he was received back into the Catholic communion, now living as a layman, and happily meeting with Aileen Kerby whom he married in 1968. They had one child, a son.

From 1971 he was head of history at Garth Hill comprehensive school in Bracknell: he continued to teach part-time after his retirement at Bracknell College, Wellington School and sometimes at Reading University. Such a continuance of austere and largely unrewarded scholarship won him great respect but he might have been surprised at the affection in which he was held by all those who knew him well.

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CLAY SURPRISE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

MIAMI BEACH, FEB. 25

Cassius Clay sprang a surprise here tonight when he won the world heavyweight boxing title by beating the holder, Sonny Liston, in six rounds. Liston failed to come out for the seventh round.

ROUND ONE.—Clay, fighting cleverly on the defensive, jabbed with a left and then hit Liston with a beautiful right to the jaw—and another one. Liston came back with a left to the body. Clay pushed five left jabs into Liston's face, and the bell rang . . .

ROUND SIX.—Clay began effectively with his left and crashed home lefts and rights to the head, forcing Liston to cover his face with his gloves. Clay landed a beautiful left hook, catching Liston off balance and forcing him to step back.

CLAY FINED FOR MISBEHAVIOUR

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 25.—Cassius Clay produced his expected burlesque act at the weigh-in for the world heavyweight championship bout against Sonny Liston and was fined $2,500 (about £900).

Kicking and screaming as his handlers held him and frustrated his mock efforts to get at the champion, Clay kept up a stream of jibes and almost yelled himself hoarse. Liston, who remained impassive, weighed 7½lb heavier than Clay at 15 st. 8 lb. to his challenger's 15 st. ½lb.

"Liston will fall in eight, because I am great", Clay proclaimed as he pursued his clowning. "I'm ready to rumble (fight)", he kept chanting. Once he yelled across officials' heads at Liston: "He's scared. He's a chump, I'm the champ."

Liston, a 7-1 on favourite, stepped out to the scales first after having been kept waiting in his dressing room for 40 minutes by Clay. Clay's tardiness was not explained, but it was thought to have been part of his war of nerves. The champion did not give the slightest sign of being disturbed, although his handlers said he was "hopping mad".

Liston was the heaviest he has been in his three title bouts. Clay had been expected to weigh about the same as Liston and there were immediate questions abut the legitimacy of the weights given out by Clay's camp in the past week. Clay was said to have been 15 st. 8 lb. late last week and at one point officials then predicted he would outweigh Liston.

The doctor who examined both boxers before the contest said Clay was "a man scared to death". Dr. A. Robbin, the chief physician of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, said: "Clay is emotionally unbalanced. He acts like a man in mortal fear of death. Judging from his pulse rate, he is burning up energy at a furious rate."

Dr. Robbin said: "He really acted like a man off the beaten path. I tried to tell him that he would need this energy for the fight but I was not able to get through to him." The doctor said Clay's pulse rate was 120, compared with 54 in an examination earlier this week. Liston's rate was a near-normal 80.

ON THIS DAY

February 26 1963



Was Muhammad Ali, the former Cassius Clay, the greatest? Many would award that superlative to Joe Louis; Ali, however, will always be the ring's champion showman.

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE

Off-roaders drive the trade wild with joy

Recession or not, there are smiles in the motor business. **Vaughan Freeman** describes the four-wheeled revolution

Jaded car company executives who spent their new year vacation trawling through 1992 sales figures were astonished to see that while total new car sales remained static, sales of four-wheel drive (4WD) vehicles broke records.

Sales of 4WDs recorded a 37 per cent increase last year as sales of off-roaders rose to 49,000. Even more significantly, while total new car sales have fallen by 32 per cent from the peak of 2.3 million in 1989 to 1.6 million last year, sales of off-road vehicles during the same period have increased by more than 40 per cent and now make up 2.5 per cent of the total market.

This year the trend has accelerated, with January showing that the increase in sales of these vehicles is even more marked and just as out of line with new car sales trends generally.

Sales of new off-road vehicles for January were a new record of 5,277, up by 50 per cent, compared with last January's total of 3,506. Almost all the manufacturers competing in the sector showed sales increases, proving that this was not a phenomenon caused by one vehicle-maker putting an all-new product into the showroom and suddenly winning hordes of new customers.

Overall, off-roader sales in Europe rose last year by 15 per cent from 245,000 in 1991 to 282,000, and in America sales increased by 25 per cent last year.

Forecasts by McGraw-Hill, motor industry analysts, indicate that there is no sign of the increasing sales slowing, much less halting. McGraw-Hill expects UK off-road sales to rise by between 10 and 15 per cent over the next three years. Last year's 4WD sales total of 49,000 is expected to grow to 63,000 by 1995 and 68,000 by 1996. At the same time, analysts predict that the 1992 total Europe sales figure of 280,000 will rise to 370,000 during the next two years.

> "The cars create the right sort of fun image'

The hard core of off-road users remains constant among the farming community, which demands real work-horses, fire brigades, breakdown and recovery services, electricity and gas boards, the military, and police forces. All place regular orders for off-roaders.

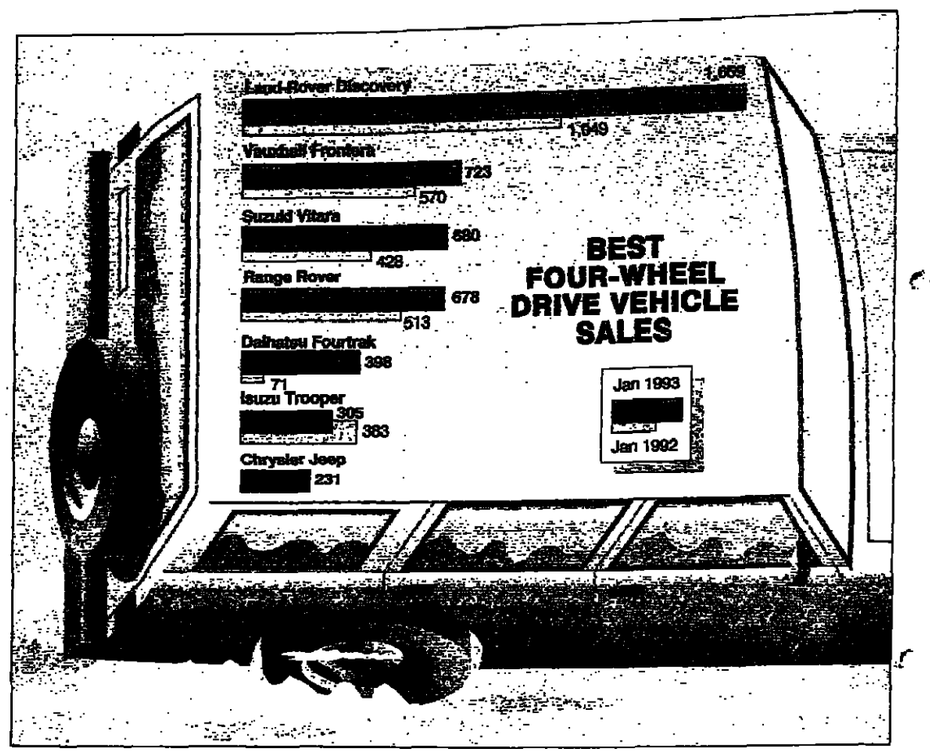
The big increase in sales and the forecast of continued sales success is almost entirely attributed to the off-road vehicle as a fashion accessory. As well as being a statement about the owners' self-images, cars that are categorised as belonging to the "leisure" sector are cashing in on the fun factor, rivalling the joys of the hot-hatch, high-performance, cars that have high running costs and are becoming politically and environmentally unacceptable.

Although 4WD vehicles are safe and hold their second-hand value well because demand outstrips supply, few have the performance to put a driving licence at risk of accumulating points. They do not need to be used irresponsibly to plough up muddy forest tracks to be fun to drive. John Lawson, a McGraw-Hill analyst, says: "The sales increase is very much led by consumer demand. For the most part, the attributes and abilities of such vehicles are not used by the owners, but that is not what they are bought for.

"Off-roaders create the right sort of fun, and have an interesting image, on top of which second-hand prices are good because the market is under-supplied."

Last year, the Discovery was the 1992 success story, and Land Rover even had to increase production to satisfy demand. The Vauxhall Frontera of General Motors made an astonishing entry into the market, taking third place for the year behind Land Rover's Discovery and Suzuki's Vitara. Only a fire in the Frontera factory in late 1991 prevented enough Fronteras being built to secure second place. The Frontera seems assured of success, since it fills the middle ground of off-roading.

Cheaper off-road cars such as the Vitara, with prices starting at £9,500, and the £9,700 Daihatsu Sportrak, also sell well, offering good off-road performance, able motorway driving, and secure town transport.





The real discovery is on the right.

Yes, yes, we know that the Discovery is on the left.

And that the 4WD on the right is a Daihatsu Fourtrak.

But our point is that, should you be casting covetous eyes on a Discovery, a brief pause to examine the merits of the Fourtrak could prove something of a revelation.

Let's talk money first.

Land Rover's 3 door Tdi Discovery will cost you £17,495.

The Daihatsu Fourtrak 2.8 TDX will cost you £15,795.

That's an immediate saving of well over £1,500.

(And there's more, but more of that later.)

Of course, such a comparison does assume that we are comparing like with like.

So can it really be that the Fourtrak is a match for such a splendidly rugged all-terrain vehicle as the Discovery?

Indeed it can.

And the evidence is plain to see for anyone who ventures deep into the Japanese countryside.

Though quite *why* anyone would want to do so is another matter: it is one of the most hostile environments in the world.

There you will find a beautiful but brutal land that is dominated by vast mountain ranges.

You will encounter rock slides caused by earthquakes, which occur daily in some areas.

What you won't see are many roads.

Huge regions are criss-crossed by nothing more substantial than tracks.

When the monsoons arrive and the typhoons blow in, they turn to axle-deep rivers of mud.

In winter, when average temperatures drop below those in Iceland, blizzards rage and snow falls. And falls. And falls.

These are the conditions the Fourtrak is designed and built to contend with, making it, we believe, a more than worthy contender for the Discovery.

And the similarity doesn't end there.

Both vehicles are powered by lusty intercooled turbo diesels, the Land Rover's being a 2.5 litre and the Fourtrak a 2.8 litre.

Both will have no trouble pulling well over 3 tons, although the Discovery does produce slightly more torque.

Both vehicles have power steering.

They also have the same wheelbase, although the Discovery has the longer body.

And both 4WDs do, of course, have high and low ratio gearboxes.

(Though only the Fourtrak can shift to 2WD to make your fuel and tyres go further.)

Well, so far no startling discoveries (Apart, of course, from that £1,500 or so.)

So let's look inside these vehicles.

At first glance both of them are obviously well appointed.

Each has deep-padded velour-trimmed seats with co-ordinated carpeting, stereo radio cassette, clock, cigar lighter, tachometer, child-proof back door lock, even head restraints front and rear.

But what's this? The Daihatsu Fourtrak has 7 seats, whilst there appear to be only 5 in the Discovery.

Should you want those 2 extra inward facing rear seats, Land Rover will want another £415.

And what about the sunroof?

Once again, it's standard on the Fourtrak whereas the Discovery's twin sun hatches will cost you another £351.

And would you like metallic paint and mud flaps all round?

If so Land Rover would like another £318.

Electric windows? Headlamp power wash? Electrically adjustable door mirrors?

Whoops, there goes another £373.

By now we hope you have discovered that the Daihatsu Fourtrak is a vehicle equipped to the highest levels of comfort, yet capable of dealing with the harshest of conditions.

Indeed, such is its build-quality it comes not only with a 3 year warranty, but one that covers you for unlimited mileage.

But to be fair to Land Rover, the Discovery's normal 12 month warranty can be extended to match ours.

If you want to pay another £610, that is.

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Eager motorists compete to buy second-hand

Large families seeking space with safety have created a vendors' market

Despite the dramatic fall in sales of new cars during the recession, owners of four-wheel drive cars are having no difficulty in finding buyers when they change vehicles.

Alan Agate, operations director at Central Motor Auctions, says: "It's a vendors' market. These vehicles are being snapped up."

CMA tried out a specialised auction of 4WDs and diesel cars at its main auction room at Rothwell, near Leeds, several years ago. The move was so successful that similar auctions are now held at all of its seven auction sites at least once a month. Rothwell holds two a month and buyers make long journeys to attend.

Mr Agate says: "The response has been good from all sectors of the community. It is not just farmers and land lovers going for these vehicles but large families looking for space with safety. 4WDs have become so much more comfortable."

Peter Dandy-Smith, of Peter Chapman Motors in Pickering, North Yorkshire, agrees that demand for second-hand 4WDs has held up well. He says: "We have not seen recession from where I am sitting. We have certainly sold 4WDs at the usual rate."

Chapman sells the Land Rover range. Mr Dandy-Smith says that about half the buyers want the vehicles for off-road use while the other half are "looking for something interesting".

The problem is not with buyers but in finding sufficient supplies. Mr Dandy-Smith says: "Because of the small numbers coming up for sale, people who cannot afford new 4WDs at £20,000 are paying as much as £10,000 or £12,000 for a second-hand vehicle."

High mileages are no deterrent to buyers of Land Rovers and similar vehicles. Buyers consider the cars to be sufficiently robust to withstand heavy use.

Nor are buyers worried that a vehicle has been hammered around a farm. Mr Agate says: "Buyers know that these vehicles are still in good condition if they have been serviced regularly."

Mr Dandy-Smith agrees that high mileages do not put off buyers. While an average motorist travels no more than 12,000 miles a year, the driver of a 4WD in a rural area is likely to cover 18,000 miles. One vehicle Mr Dandy-Smith sold recently had covered 100,000 miles in three years.

Gary Thomason, of Lakeland Land Rover in Coniston, Cumbria, has just sold a Discovery that had covered 72,000 miles in 19 months.

He believes that supplies of second-hand vehicles are restricted because many owners have held back from buying new vehicles and putting their old ones on the market.

"The sort of people who buy Range Rovers can afford them, but if they have just made ten people redundant, they feel they can hardly go out and get a new vehicle," he says.

Second-hand 4WDs come from a variety of sources. Stephen Fields, an auctioneer at CMA's site at Wimbledon in southwest London, says that in January he auctioned eight B registration Land Rovers that had been used by coast guards. "We sold every single one for between £2,200 and £2,700. One dealer who had travelled up from the West Country bought four.

Dealers say that the vehicles appeal to the hunting, shooting and fishing brigade and to caravanners. Mr Dandy-Smith says: "Even ramblers who want to be out hiking like to pull onto a verge and be able to get off it again."

Early retirement has produced buyers with cash from redundancy payments or life policies. Policemen are prominent among the buyers of the traditional 4WD type of vehicle. Mr Thomason says: "They have seen a lot of accidents on motorways and they know what vehicles survive."

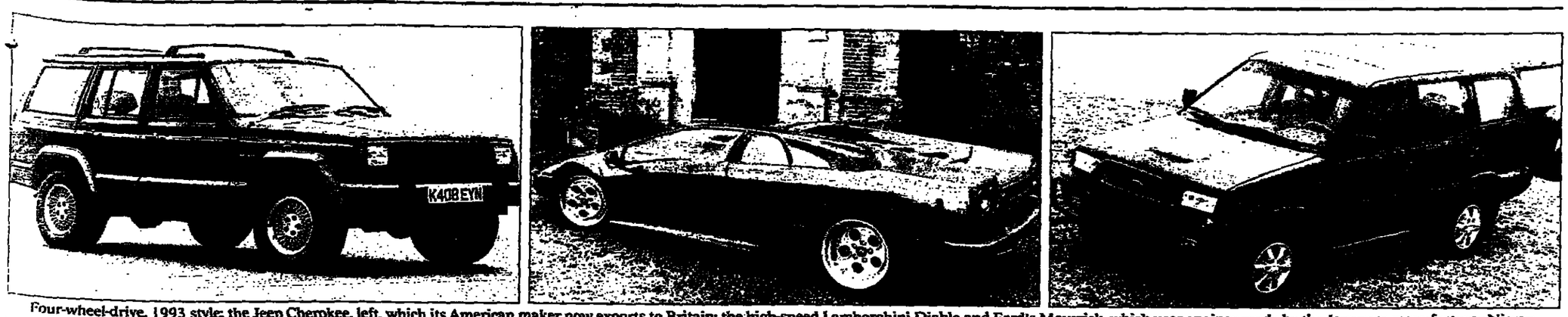
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Buoyant market: Stephen Fields auctions 4WDs

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Four-wheel-drive, 1993 style: the Jeep Cherokee, left, which its American maker now exports to Britain: the high-speed Lamborghini Diablo and Ford's Maverick, which uses engines made by the Japanese manufacturer Nissan

Brash Americans invade UK

Vaughan Freeman finds that the Jeep's elegant modern offspring still has a tough image

They are over here, and like the Americans who first introduced them to the world they are brash, bold and, undeniably, utterly and glamorously inimitable.

Jeep is one of the most evocative names and joins the list of newcomers entering the four-wheel drive fray. The name still has the power to conjure up images of John Wayne, Eisenhower and Parton ploughing through muddy fields in US army camouflage Jeeps with the screens folded down and white painted stars on the bonnets.

Chrysler is now exporting its more elegant offspring, the Jeep Wrangler and its big brother, the Jeep Cherokee, to the UK. Jeep Imports, a Dover-based firm, expects that sales will reach 3,000 this year, Jeep's first in Britain.

The Wrangler is the rowdier of the two vehicles, and is aimed at the younger, sportier motorist, while the Cherokee is bigger, dearer, and faster, positioned to attract the town dweller who fancies a change from his Range Rover.

The Wrangler is keenly priced, from £12,495 for the four-cylinder, 2.5 litre version up to £14,395 for the six-cylinder, four-litre limited edition. It reflects its military heritage with a stark design, but adds the sophistication of power steering, a light clutch, a five-speed gearbox and good brakes. The Cherokee uses a four-litre, six-cylinder engine and is priced from £15,000 to £21,000. The Jeep flagship, the Cherokee Limited SE, has an 184bhp engine, automatic transmission, anti-lock braking, heated door mirrors and power adjusted front seats.

Four doors plus a tailgate make it easy to load, and for such a big car it is fast, with a claimed top speed of 112mph. There is a three-year, 60,000-mile warranty.

It is Chrysler's first foray to Britain since the company pulled out in the late 1970s after the takeover of the Rootes group in the 1960s. Chrysler sold its European operations to Peugeot in 1978, but is now back and here to stay.

The spectacular success last year of Vauxhall's Frontera further hardened Ford's determination to enter the off-road leisure market and confirmed the wisdom of working hand in hand with Nissan to produce a vehicle able to compete in the sector, specifically with the Frontera.

Nissan and Ford joined forces to develop and produce a shared vehicle which is being built at Nissan's Zona Franca plant near Barcelona and which will go on sale in Britain this summer.

The Nissan vehicle and its Ford counterpart — to be called the Maverick — are essentially identical, although badging will differ. Much of the styling is said to be Ford-inspired, but the engines are from Nissan. The vehicles will come with a three-door, short-wheelbase body and a choice of motors, including a 2.4-litre, 124bph, fuel-injected, four-cylinder petrol, and a 2.7-litre, 100bhp, turbo-diesel. The vehicles arrive in the summer, when prices will be announced. They are expected to be pitched not far from the £12,200 to £16,500 spread of the Frontera.

The car least like the Jeep or the Fords, the Lamborghini Diablo VT must surely be among the fastest of 4WDs with a claimed top speed of a little over 200mph derived from the V12 engine's 492bph.

Where most 4WDs are upright, with acres of space under the bodywork and the aerodynamics of a Mike Tyson, the Diablo VT is low-slung and seems to grow out of the ground.

Lamborghini, whose founder Ferruccio Lamborghini died last week, developed the VT (viscous traction) version of the car to help to harness the Diablo's great power. The system gradually switches up to 27 per cent of drive to the front wheels as the back wheels start to lose grip.

Four-wheel drive owners divide about 50-50 between those who buy them for the image and those who buy them for practical reasons such as ploughing through mud. If you are the sort of motorist for whom a 4WD car is a fashion statement, no car is more impressive than the Diablo VT — and you can buy one if you have the price of a dozen or so Wrangler Jeeps.



Land Rover versatility: the Discovery in police livery

Sales still climb at Land Rover

The star of Britain's motor industry has had to increase production

For the third year running, a Land Rover product, the Discovery, was the bestselling four-wheel drive vehicle in Britain, underlining yet again the Solihull manufacturer's dominance of the off-road car market, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Land Rover last year defied the recession by twice having to increase production levels to meet rising demand just as other manufacturers cut back.

The Discovery achieved record UK sales of 10,247, up 24 per cent on 1991's 8,439, while British sales of the Range Rover dipped by 1 per cent to 4,026 as some would-be customers waited for the arrival of the stretched LSE version with air suspension. Land Rover are bullish even about this, pointing out that Range Rover competes in the luxury car sector where rivals have seen their sales plunge by 10, 20 and even 30 or 40 per cent.

Sales of the Defender were 12 per cent down from 6,294 in 1991 to 5,536 last year, largely because the recession has hit traditional Defender customers in the building and engineering industries. This year, January figures show Defender sales down by 7 per cent to 644 compared with last January, and the Discovery up 58 per cent to 1,659 and Range Rover up 32 per cent to 678.



Big splash: Range Rover

Abroad, particularly in the crucial American market, Land Rover sales were buoyant last year at 4,234, compared to 3,309 in 1991, an increase of 28 per cent. Last December the company recorded its highest ever sales for one month in America, of more than 700,. The previous record was below 600.

Chris Walkey, a Land Rover spokesman, says: "There are more customers buying 4WDs for a variety of reasons, but even given the increase in the overall market I think we have been doing particularly well."

The Land Rovers introduced in the past few months have attracted new customers because of innovations. The stretched Range Rover LSE with air suspension and the 4.2-litre V8 engine, despite a price tag of £40,000, accounted for 269 of the January sales. The 2.5-litre "economy" Range Rover with the new TDi diesel engine registered 95 sales compared to 55 diesel engined Range Rovers sold in the previous January.

Diesel was also a winner among Discovery sales. The TDi diesel Discovery, introduced last year to break the £19,250 company car tax barrier and win corporate fleet orders, has proved its worth, accounting for 90 per cent of Discovery sales.

Land Rover is now developing and uprating the Discovery to meet American legislative requirements and although no date has yet been set for its introduction it is certain to be as big a cult success there as the Range Rover.

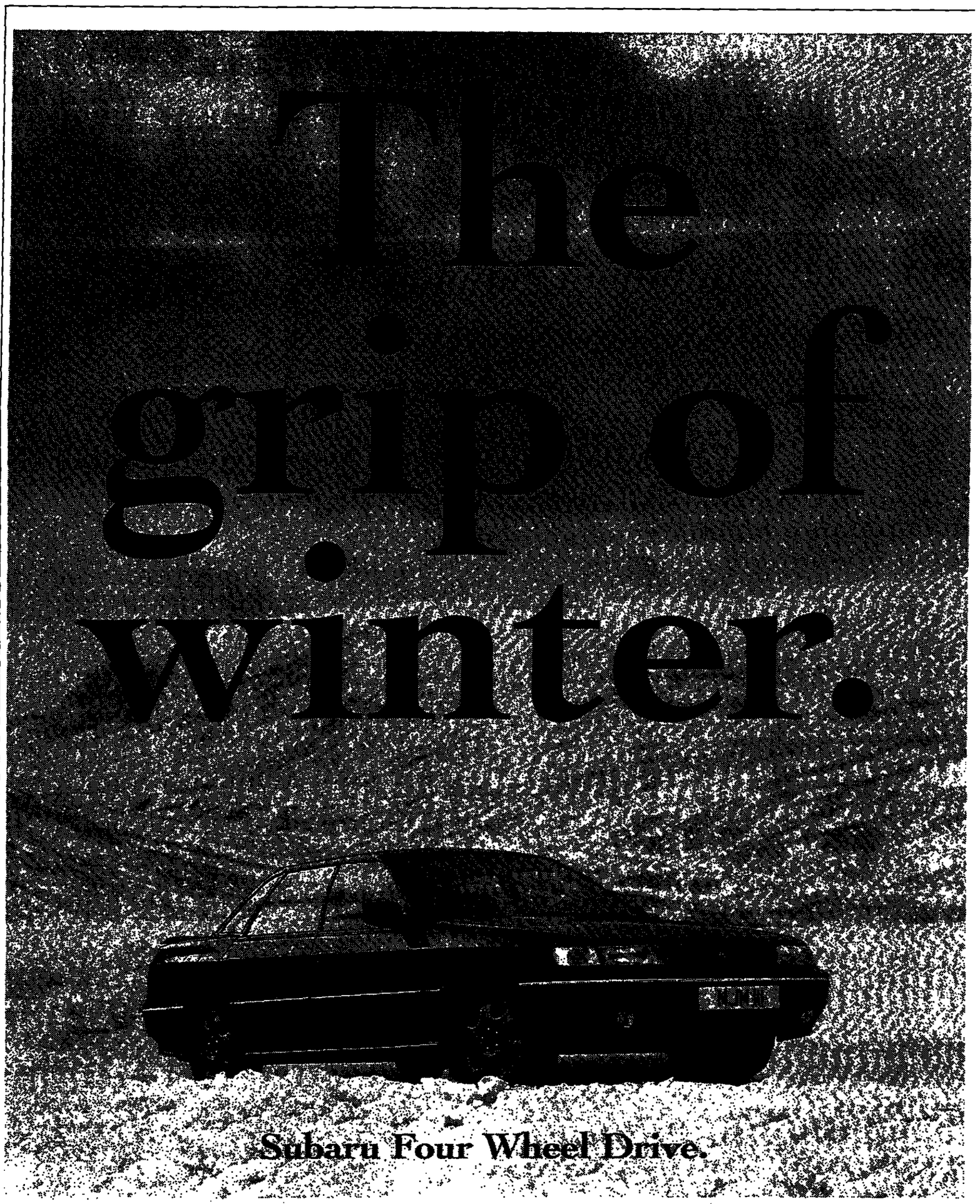
Ironically, the biggest threat to Land Rover's success in America comes not from foreign competitors but from Bill Clinton, the president. He is now considering moves that would raise import taxes on vehicles such as the Range Rover from the present 2.5 per cent to 25 per cent. Land Rover is prepared. The firm spends much time negotiating with American tax authorities and Mr Walkey is confident that present import levies will prevail. "This came up in 1989 and again last year under the Bush administration, and on both occasions we were able successfully to argue against it — and I would hope that we will be able to defeat such a proposal again," he said.

Such an approach reflects the long-term strategy that has made Land Rover one of the British motor industry's export and sales successes. The first Land Rover was introduced in 1948, when the Solihull car-maker offered doors as an optional extra.

In the long term Land-Rover dealers are looking ahead to late 1995, when the new Range Rover is launched in what will be the design's first big revision in its, by then, 25-year history.

If Land Rover trends are anything to go by, Range Rover fans will probably have to wait at least until the year 2020 for Range Rover Mark Three.

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Poll says 80% unhappy with Tories

■ A new survey today suggests that 80 per cent of the people are unhappy with the way the government is running the country, that John Major's popularity continues to slide and that the Tory majority of 12,357 in the Newbury by-election would be lost if the trend continued.

The MORI survey for *The Times* provided grim evidence that voters were becoming more pessimistic over the state of the economy Pages 1, 8

Major unruffled by 14,000 job losses

■ In the face of more gloomy unemployment news, Mr Major, speaking in Washington after his meeting with President Clinton, insisted that Britain was moving out of recession. Back home 14,000 job losses in the armed forces, ICI and British Gas were announced Pages 1, 2, 21

Chief quits

A report into London's ambulance service uncovered a series of misjudgments and bungled decisions that reduced the service to chaos. Jim Harris, the chairman of the ambulance board will resign Pages 1, 6

Dexter mistake

Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England cricket committee, has admitted a fundamental mistake was made in selection for the India tour party and has said he will step down if delegates at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting next month demand it Page 1

Policemen killed

An IRA sniper shot dead a policeman who was accompanying an army patrol in fields near Crossmaglen in South Armagh. Hours before, a booby trap killed an off-duty part-time policeman near Armagh Page 2

Clinton summit

President Clinton has agreed to an April summit with President Yeltsin at a neutral location. Washington is worried about Mr Yeltsin's precarious political position Page 9

Hindus halted

A mass assault on the Indian parliament by Hindu militants in Delhi was beaten back by tens of thousands of police and paramilitary forces using water cannon and teargas, heralding a new era of violent confrontation in the country Page 11

Big winners

The main winners in next year's higher education budgets, with a £36 million boost for research, are the former polytechnics, according to grants from the Higher Education Funding Council, which has allocated more than £2.3 billion Page 4

Costly hacking

Paul Bedworth, 19, cost the *Financial Times* more than £24,000 when he hacked into a database holding the FTSE-100 share index and introduced a rogue programme, it was alleged at Southwark Crown Court. He has denied three computer act charges Page 3

Rape ruling

Marriage guidance counsellors, considering the implications of the jailing of a man for raping his fiancee after she changed her mind during sex, believe the boundaries of the offence have been redefined Page 3

Property protest

Lord Cadogan has withdrawn financial support from the Tories in protest at property reforms. The Duke of Westminster has already quit the party for the same reasons Page 7

Cash siege

Hundreds of penniless Zaire soldiers laid siege to the parliament buildings in Kinshasa demanding that five-million-Zaire notes with which they have been paid be legalised Page 11

Storm over Turner seascape sale

■ Art experts have criticised Royal Holloway College for the way in which Turner's *Van Tromp Going About to Please His Masters* was sold to the Getty museum in California for £11 million. Some, who complain that big national museums had not been kept properly informed of the sale, have suggested that an export licence be withheld Pages 6, 15



Child care: Philip Lott, three, greets the Princess of Wales at a new paediatric unit yesterday at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey

BUSINESS

In the red: ICI, with pre-tax losses of £384 million last year, will proceed with the demerger of its biosciences activities and cut 9,000 jobs over two years Page 21

Bank appeals: Brian Pearse, chief executive of Midland Bank, called for an end to the criticisms between the government, banks and businesses over stimulating the small-business market Page 21

Markets: Sterling steadied on the foreign exchange closing down .28 cents at $1.4317 but gaining 1.74 pfennigs to DM2.3387, and rising to 76.3 on the trade-weighted index. The FT-SE 100 index was up 11.7 at 2,828.7 Page 24

SPORT

Football: Tottenham Hotspur have backed away from a confrontation with the Football Association to let Nick Barmby go to the World Youth Cup in Australia. The club had wanted him for their FA Cup quarter-final against Manchester City Page 40

Racing: Fears of a doping ring returned after confirmation that Flash of Straw, a three-year-old which was backed from 25-1 to 4-1 favourite before running at Yarmouth in August, had been given a prohibited substance Page 40

Football: Vinnie Jones, of Wimbledon, lost his appeal to the FA over a record £20,000 fine imposed in November. He landed in trouble over his commentary on a video glorifying football violence and dirty tricks Page 40

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Plotters' tales: Gennadi Yanayev, former vice-president of the Soviet Union recently released from jail, complains about inhumane prison conditions in Russia in an Anne McElvoy interview Page 12

Suicide halt: A law is expected to come into effect soon in Michigan which will outlaw doctor-assisted suicides Page 13

NOTEBOOK

Car memory bank: A new computer system, linked to a database containing information on virtually all cars sold in Britain in the past 20 years, could provide the breakthrough in the fight against crimes involving cars Page 35

ARTS

Matisse in glory: Paris unveils its magnificent Matisse show this week revealing how the artist revolutionised the use of colour in painting Page 31

Slippery slope: *On the piste*, a sharp, new, John Godber comedy wryly observing the British at play at an Alpine ski resort Page 32

Feminist pen: Jenny Uglow, who wrote a landmark dictionary of women in literature, talks about her new biography of Mrs Gaskell Page 33

Under cover: A television reporter pretended to be schizophrenic to test the medical profession and social services. His report made disturbing viewing Page 33

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Trading success: Car companies are astonished that while new car sales figures in 1992 remained static, four-wheel drive vehicle sales broke records Pages 18, 19

Over here: Like the Americans who introduced them to the world, Jeeps are brash, bold and, undeniably, utterly and glamorously inimitable Page 19

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Currency trend: Next month the foreign exchange desk at Citibank in London will welcome a new trader — a neutral network which is a computer that has been modelled on the connections in the human brain Pages 28-30

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Helena Bonham-Carter has been granted a High Court injuction against an admirer who has pestered the actress for several years Page 3



Nigel Walker, former Olympic 110-metres hurdler, will be on the wing for Wales in their five-nations rugby match against Ireland on March 6 Page 40



Fidel Castro, claiming an "overwhelming" victory as polls closed in the Cuban election, hinted that he will be retiring within five years Page 9



Muhammad Ali is in Peking to promote The Brawl at the Wall, China's first professional boxing event to be staged since 1949 Page 11

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Derek Walcott, the first Caribbean writer to receive to the Nobel prize for literature, is profiled from his home island of St Lucia in *Arena* (BBC2, 9.30pm) Page 39

OPINION

Common interest

One meeting may say little about the special relationship, but it has helped to confirm Britain's utility as a mediator between America and Europe Page 15

Crime and punishment

Almost everyone seems prepared to abandon the doctrine that young criminals are simply victims of their social conditions who cannot be held morally responsible for their anti-social acts. But this cosy unanimity may not survive for long once specific punishments are on the agenda Page 15

Turner going about

The trustees and governors of institutions have to do their best to adapt to change and interpret the wishes of their founders. Thomas Holloway would not have considered that his birthright was being sold for a mess of pottage Page 15

COLUMNISTS

BERNARD LEVIN

I read the financial pages not so much to find tips for the best way of increasing my savings, as to come upon a huge concern (preferably a bank, of course) which has gone down the hole without even time to say glug-glug-glug. I am an avid reader of the doings of the great financial rogues, the Ivar Kreugers and Robert Maxwells Page 14

JANET DALEY

What struck you when you saw that film of Bobby Moore holding aloft the World Cup in 1966? This depends perhaps on whether you are old enough to remember the great event itself. If you are, then those images will have conjured up a world so long ago and far away that it seems to belong to another life Page 14

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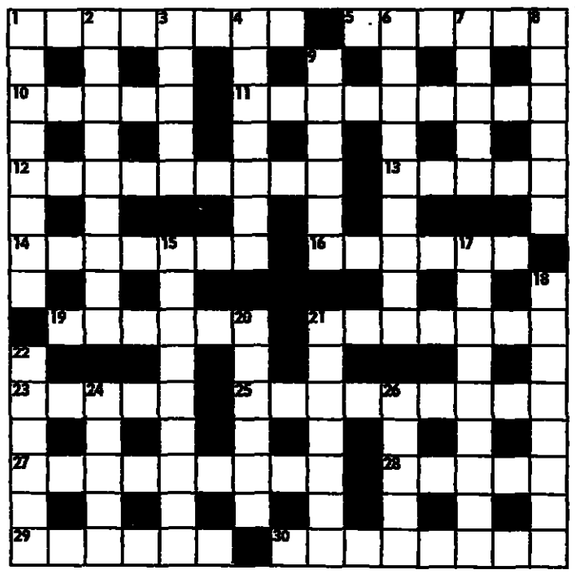
Field Marshal Lord Bramall, former Chief of the Defence Staff, comments on Britain's "proper military commitments" and disputes the claim that the army is top-heavy with officers Page 15

LEADERS

President Clinton recognises what some of America's allies prefer to deny — that the people of Bosnia may starve before peace can be negotiated

The Washington Post

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ACROSS

1 Resolution bringing honour to a town (8).
5 With others he had eaten out (6).
10 Cat's turn to appear in the adage (5).
11 'Wrong!', said Frank (9).
12 Part of working day — tiny piece (4-5).
13 Itinerant and faithful friend comes back (5).
14 Concerned with a catalogue, he takes things as they are (7).
16 Lounge turns back to the left (6).
19 Give an account of an explosion (6).
21 Many on a pleasure trip follow a line on the map (7).
23 Mix up scores in competition — leaders provide the score (5).
25 Be persuaded to wake up (4,5).
27 St Bernard and St Paul's clergy wear it (3-6).
28 French writer appears in fur (5).
29 S-stuff on the way back or the way out (6).
30 Artist's record held in various courts (8).

DOWN

1 Tire-women out east can be impaired by age (4-4).
2 Historic building upset incensed sovereign in the vicinity of Windsor (5,4).
3 Boast to new head (5).
4 A very small amount, even if ultimately sufficient (7).
6 Ran pundit out in form of cricket (3-3-3).
7 Smell all right inside bunk (5).
8 Holiday-maker on ranch holds both ends of equestrian strip (6).
9 Floating gallery in America (6).
15 Decoration makes one man angry (4,5).
17 I hunt down criminal in this (9).
18 If director is displaced, money is due to him (8).
20 Get to grips with the equipment (6).
21 Linen coat turned up by a helpful person, we hear (7).
22 Does mud generally or only in part become smeared? (6).
24 Sued garage — cut by half — still dear (5).
26 Raise a drink fit for a king (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,163

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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have blustery showers of sleet and snow with some brighter intervals. It will feel very cold in the strong northwesterlies. Wales and western England will be cloudy with rain and sleet or snow on the hills, whereas eastern parts will have some brightness at first with wintry showers later. Becoming windy and colder. Outlook: more sleet and snow showers. Feeling bitterly cold in blustery northerly winds.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	9	48	s	Luxor	28	82	s
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Madrid	7	45	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Majorca	11	52	f
Algiers	12	54	f	Malaga	14	57	c
Amst'dm	3	37	r	Malta	10	50	c
Athens	8	46	r	Melb'rne	28	79	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Mexico C*	22	73	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Miami*	23	73	f
Barbados*	28	82	f	Milan	8	46	c
Barcelna	9	48	s	Montreal*	-13	9	s
Beirut	18	64	s	Moscow	-5	23	s
Belgrade	-1	30	c	Munich	-2	28	f
Berlin	-1	30	sn	Naples	7	45	f
Bermuda*	21	70	s	N Delhi	17	63	f
Biarritz	5	41	s	N York*	-4	25	c
Blonder's	4	39	s	Nice	10	50	s
Brussels	2	36	r	Oslo	1	34	f
Budapst	-2	28	f	Paris	3	37	r
B Aires*	27	81	f	Peking	5	41	s
Cairo	25	77	c	Perth	26	79	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	-3	27	sn
Chicago*	-11	12	s	Reykjavik	-5	23	c
Ch'church	27	81	s	Rhodes	17	63	f
Cologne	2	36	s	Rio de J	29	84	f
C'hagn	0	32	sn	Riyadh	19	66	s
Corfu	8	46	f	Rome	9	48	s
Dublin	10	50	r	Salzburg	-2	28	sn
Dubrovnik	7	45	s	S F'isco*	10	50	c
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	26	79	s
Florence	6	43	s	Seoul	3	37	s
Frankfurt	-1	30	c	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	16	61	c	Stkholm	-2	28	c
Geneva	0	32	s	Strasb'rg	2	36	s
Gibraltar	14	57	r	Sydney	24	75	s
Helsinki	-3	27	f	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Innsbruck	0	32	s	Tenerife	19	66	f
Istanbul	1	34	sl	Tokyo	9	48	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	-11	12	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Tunis	11	52	c
Karachi	17	63	f	Valencia	13	55	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	1	34	s
Le Touet	8	46	c	Venice	7	45	s
Lisbon	12	54	s	Vienna	-1	30	f
Locarno	6	43	s	Warsaw	0	32	c
London	7	45	c	Wash'ton*	-2	28	c
L Angels*	14	57	s	Wel'nton	21	70	f
Luxembg	-1	30	f	Zurich	-2	28	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,018.0 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Kinloss, Grampian, and Lossiemouth, Grampian, 11C (52F); lowest day max, Guernsey, Channel Islands 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.24in; highest sunshine Isles of Scilly, 8.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.17in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, nil

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.25in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 1.0hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

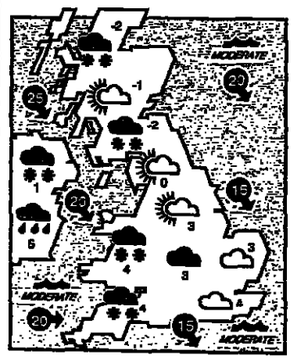
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.4	-	10	50	sunny
Anglesey	0.7	-	8	46	bright
Aviemore	-	0.01	8	46	rain
Belfast	-	0.01	7	45	rain
Birmingham	3.2	-	9	48	sunny
Bognor Regis	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.2	-	9	48	bright
Bristol	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Buxton	4.4	-	6	43	sunny
Cardiff	1.0	-	8	46	cloudy
Clacton	0.3	0.01	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	8	46	dull
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.01	6	43	rain
Exmouth	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Fishmouth	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	-	0.04	6	43	snow
Glasgow	-	0.01	9	48	rain
Guernsey	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Jersey	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	1.9	-	11	52	bright
Leeds	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Lerwick	-	0.05	7	45	rain
Littlehampton	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Liverpool	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
London	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	6	43	dull
Manchester	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Margate	x	-	6	43	dull
Minehead	1.7	-	9	48	bright
Newcastle	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Newquay	4.0	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	9.5	-	9	48	sunny
Penzance	8.1	-	9	48	sunny
Plymouth	0.8	-	8	46	cloudy
Poole	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Prestwick	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Saunton Snd	4.5	-	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Scilly Isles	8.2	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	1.9	-	8	46	bright
Southsea	1.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.04	9	48	rain
Swanage	1.1	-	9	48	bright
Teignmouth	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.23	9	48	rain
Torquay	1.5	-	9	48	sunny
Weymouth	2.2	-	9	48	bright
Wick	0.8	-	9	48	bright
Worthing	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy

TOURIST RATES

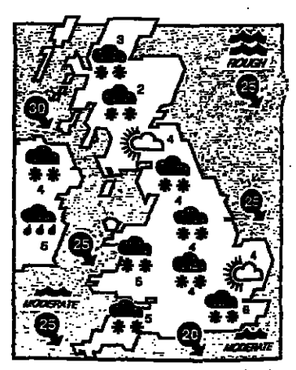
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.16	1.98
Austria Sch	17.50	16.00
Belgium Fr	51.25	46.85
Canada $	1.915	1.755
Denmark Kr	9.58	8.78
Finland Mrk	9.10	8.30
France Fr	8.43	7.73
Germany Dm	2.48	2.28
Greece Dr	338.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	11.73	10.73
Ireland Pt	1.012	0.932
Italy Lira	2365.00	2200.00
Japan Yen	186.00	167.00
Netherlands Gld	2.795	2.565
Norway Kr	10.57	9.77
Portugal Esc	226.80	206.80
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	173.75	160.75
Sweden Kr	11.78	10.98
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.11
Turkey Lira	13800.0	12800.0
USA $	1.535	1.41

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

TODAY



TOMORROW



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.36 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 5.45 pm to 7.02 am
Edinburgh 5.41 pm to 7.09 am
Manchester 5.41 pm to 7.02 am
Penzance 5.59 pm to 7.10 am

Sun rises: 6.52 am
Sun sets: 5.36 pm
Moon rises 8.04 am
Moon sets 11.20 pm
First quarter March 1

YESTERDAY

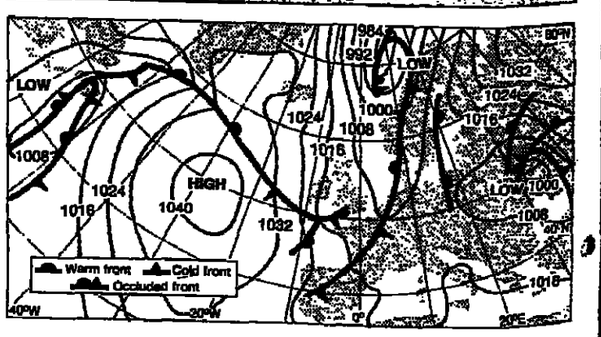
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain, s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	7	45	f
B'mngham	7	45	f	Inverness	8	46	s
Blackpool	6	43	r	Jersey	7	45	c
Bristol	8	46	c	London	7	45	c
Cardiff	8	46	r	M'nchster	6	43	r
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	7	45	f
Glasgow	8	46	r	R'midway	7	45	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.20	6.9	4.42	6.8	Liverpool	1.31	8.6	1.46	8.8
Aberdeen	3.50	3.8	3.53	4.0	Lowestoft			12.15	2.1
Avonmouth	9.45	12.4	9.56	12.1	Margate	2.19	4.8	2.43	4.4
Ballast	1.34	3.3	1.37	3.4	Milford Haven	8.46	6.5	8.57	6.3
Cardiff	9.30	11.5	9.41	11.2	Newquay	7.38	6.5	7.49	6.4
Devonport	8.18	5.1	8.31	4.9	Oban	8.09	3.7	8.12	3.6
Dover	1.14	6.4	1.28	6.2	Penzance	7.20	5.2	7.38	4.9
Falmouth	7.46	4.9	8.01	4.7	Portland	9.10	1.8	9.21	1.7
Glasgow	3.23	4.5	3.34	4.5	Portsmouth	1.41	4.6	1.56	4.3
Harwich	2.11	3.9	2.32	3.7	Shoreham	1.24	5.9	1.41	5.7
Holyhead	12.41	5.1	12.56	5.3	Southampton	1.14	4.4	1.24	4.2
Hull	8.51	7.0	9.04	7.1	Swansea	8.47	8.7	9.01	8.5
Ilfracombe	6.27	6.6	6.37	6.4	Tees	6.12	4.9	6.22	5.0
King's Lynn	9.02	6.0	9.09	6.1	W'ton-on-Nze	2.05	4.1	2.28	4.0
Leith	5.16	5.0	5.16	5.1					

NOON TODAY



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FAIR WEATHER



President Clinton has support for his economic plan, but financial markets are fair-weather friends
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4317 (-0.0028)
German mark .. 2.3387 (+0 0174)
Exchange index ..... 76.3 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2828.7 (+11.7)
Dow Jones ... 3346.23 (-10.27)*
Nikkei Avg 16907.39 (+108.45)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds ..... 2¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.93-2.92%*
Long Bond 6.85%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4305*	£:$ 1.4315
$:DM .. 1.6345*	£:DM ... 2.3405
$:SWfr. 1.5175*	£:SWfr... 2.1693
$:Fr . . 5.5500*	£:Fr 7.9420
$:Yen . 117.50*	£:Yen ... 168.38
£:SDR .. 1.0398	£:ECU .. 1.2059

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.75 ..... PM 329.60
Close 329.30-329.80
New York:
Comex 330.25-330.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

ICI surprises City with £384m loss

By George Sivell
City Editor

■ **In the midst of recession ICI confirmed it is going ahead with ambitious plans to demerge its life sciences activities and raise £1.3 billion from existing shareholders**

ICI yesterday surprised the City by announcing a £384 million loss for 1992. This overshadowed confirmation that the group would split itself into two and seek £1.3 billion from shareholders to aid the process.

The loss was due to a £949 million restructuring charge, arising principally from cuts made to cope with recession. These included the loss of a further 9,000 jobs over the next three years. Of these, 1,000 will go with divestments, half of the remainder will be in Britain and the other 4,000 around the world. ICI's 1990 restructuring resulted in the departure of 21,000 workers over the past two years. A further 6,000 jobs will be transferred when the asset swap with Du Pont is completed this year.

ICI will ask shareholders to approve the separation of its life science business, now called Zeneca, which would gain a separate stock market listing in about two months' time. Zeneca will also be raising £1.3 billion from existing ICI shareholders. The cash will be used to pay off existing ICI debt.

ICI revealed that the reorganisation and preparation for the demerger had cost £75 million. It refused to break the figure down but said it covered professional fees, product registration and labelling costs.

Even before the restructuring charge is deducted, ICI did not make enough money to cover its maintained 55p a share dividend to shareholders. Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said that shareholders needed to be rewarded, even in hard times and that the decision was based on a five-year view. ICI said that it intended to maintain the dividend in the current year via a 27.5p payout from Zeneca and a 27.5p dividend from the new ICI chemicals business.

ICI said that "although trading conditions in the early part of 1993 continue to be difficult, the board believes that prospects for the full year are better than for 1992". Sir Denys bases this analysis on signs of US recovery and the lower pound and interest rates since the pound left the European exchange rate mechanism on what he describes as "sunny Wednesday."

He said sales rose 3 per cent in the fourth quarter but that international competitors were cutting prices to retain market share to counter the benefits to ICI of sterling's devaluation.

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Analysts translate this into forecasts of pre-tax profit of £730 million for 1993, based on £550 million for Zeneca and £180 million for ICI chemicals. Intriguingly, Zeneca is forecast by analysts to make 47p of earnings, enough to cover the forecast 27.5p dividend, but ICI chemicals is reckoned to be capable of 16.5p earnings, against the promised 27.5p of dividend.

ICI earnings for 1992 struck before the exceptional charge were 48.8p, down from 69.2p last year. After deducting the restructuring costs, ICI had a loss of 79.9p.

Analysts saw immediate benefits in the restructuring for the demerger plans. They said it would leave both the new ICI chemicals group and Zeneca free of restructuring charges for several years and would also help keep the tax rates paid by both stable.

Sir Denys described the near-billion pound charge as "immensely conservative". He said that, of the £949 million, £516 million would go on rationalisation resulting from the impact of recession. A further £148 million has been set aside to meet "future environmental liabilities", mainly potential soil and ground water remediation.

ICI said it had "re-assessed" its provisions and that most were linked to non-operating US sites acquired with Stauffer in 1987.

ICI said it had prepared its 1992 figures to comply with the new FRS3 reporting standard which is compulsory for all companies with year-ends after June 22 this year. These showed pharmaceuticals with an annual profit of £494 million in 1992 after reporting £538 million in 1991 and £489 million in 1990.

Agrochemicals and seeds turned in £88 million against the £144 million reported last year. Speciality chemicals and materials made £177 million in 1992 against £180 million in 1991. Industrial chemicals lost £24 million against a £135 million profit in 1991.

ICI defended the decision to go ahead with the demerger, arguing that the board was "convinced we must look beyond recession and that this is an appropriate moment to proceed".

CHRIS HARRIS



Golden outlook: Richard Gamble, chief executive at Royal Insurance, reporting reduced losses on the back of declining mortgage indemnity losses and a return towards profitability in the last six months (Details, page 23; Tempus, page 25)

Help for small firms urged

By Patricia Tehan

BRIAN Pearse, Midland Bank's chief executive, has called on the government to tackle the problems facing small businesses in Britain, urging ministers to provide a new expansion scheme, tax incentives and loan support subsidies for industry.

Mr Pearse called for an end to the slanging match between the government, banks and businesses over how to stimulate Britain's ailing small business market.

In a speech to London's City University Business School last night, Mr Pearse gave a warning that unless the three began to co-operate "we will continue to see not only an unacceptable level of business failures but also good viable businesses failing to achieve their full potential".

He recommended that the government establish a "manufacturing support scheme" to replace the Business Expansion Scheme, which would be phased out at the end of the year, with special tax incentives to attract equity capital from private individuals to support small, local businesses.

Mr Pearse also urged the government to follow the example of the German government and introduce a loan support scheme with the government providing support to allow banks to provide medium and long-term loans at 1 per cent above base rate.

Midland estimates the cost of such a scheme to the Treasury at £67 million a year, compared with the £36.5 billion total lending by British banks to manufacturing industry.

Mr Pearse said the government needed to review tax laws, to make it tax advantageous to retain profits within a company.

He said the government should introduce a statutory right for firms to claim interest on the late payment of debt. Banks also had to change their attitudes.

Shell sends own man to Tokyo

By Our City Editor



Holmes: checking rules

ROYAL Dutch/Shell is sending Neil Gaskell to Japan as the new director of financial affairs at Showa Shell Sekiyu, a 50 per cent-owned associate of Shell, which this week revealed huge currency losses.

Mr Gaskell, financial manager of Shell's pension fund, will fly to Tokyo as soon as his present duties can be unwound to join the chief executive of Shell Japan on the Showa board. After capping the costs of the currency losses Shell said it will take a further charge of £65 million in its first quarter of 1993, to add to the £131 million written off for the final quarter of 1992.

Showa Shell said that Takeshi Henmi, the president, and Kiyoshi Takahashi, the chairman, had tendered their resignations to take responsibility for the losses. Both men will actually resign after they have "sorted out the problem" by means of an internal investigation.

Both Cor Herkstroeter, chairman of Royal Dutch in The Hague, and Sir Peter Holmes, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, said: "We are shocked and disappointed by the currency dealings and the potential losses they shall lead to."

In London, Sir Peter said Shell was looking at the rules it set for associate companies such as Showa Shell and "whether we should be making our views better known".

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Japan talks sumo, but practises judo



ANTHONY HARRIS

Only the innocent will read the current sideways trend in the Nikkei index as any promise of Japanese recovery: for the Nikkei, as everyone surely knows, is rigged.

The job used to be done by the giant investment houses; but after their exposure, and their consequent many bows, apologies and resignations, they have had to opt out.

The clean-up has cost investors in Japanese equities 60 per cent of peak values — painful, but a fairly normal Tokyo-style market shake-out. Falls on this scale have occurred twice before in the postwar period, and each was followed after a few years by another major bull phase, which naturally over-shot.

You might think, then, that the Japanese authorities could take the same relaxed attitude to the stock market that they have to the property collapse, which is still accelerating — Tokyo property prices are currently falling at an annual rates of well over 30 per cent. In the long run they may well do so, but for the next month they dare not. The banks have to report their financial results on March 31, including their losses on their large equity portfolios; and their capital ratios would fall below Basle levels if stock prices fell much further. The Ministry of Finance (Mof to all who know it) is therefore rigging the market itself, deploying official pension funds to prop up the market, and to bail banks out of some of their ill-judged investments. Even Mof has limited resources, though, as was shown when it originally tried to stabilise the Nikkei somewhere above the 20,000 mark.

There is a general fear that there will be another sharp fall after Mof withdraws on April 1. The consensus guess is that the share index will go down to the 15,000 region, but pessimists offer some much more horrendous figures.

At some stage, of course, Tokyo will look cheap against the fundamentals, but for the time being those fundamentals are hard to judge.

Japanese ministers use loud rhetoric, promising whatever fiscal stimulus it takes, and a tough stand on trade; but this is the routine bluster of a weak government. If you look at what they do rather than what they say, it is not so impressive. There was always less than met the eye in the ten-trillion yen reflation, and it already looks inadequate.

More is promised — if and when it can be agreed on in a faction-ridden Japanese parliament: but growth forecasts are still in a sliding downward revision. Interest rates have been cut sharply, but the banks are still nursing huge undisclosed losses, and the market now expects no further cuts.

Consumption is static, profit margins are tight, and investment depressed — hence the huge and internationally embarrassing trade surplus. The threat of protectionism, and especially American protectionism, could finally undermine what remains of confidence.

The tough Clinton trade rhetoric seems designed mainly to keep these Japanese fears alive; that is why President Clinton can assure John Major that he doesn't really mean it. Meanwhile, he is offering Japan a way out: Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury Secretary, has explained that he wants to see a strong yen and will doubtless do so again at tomorrow's G7 summit in London. In one sense, this is easy for Mof to agree to. Its official forecasts have long expected a 100-yen dollar rate, and the main exporting industries have been gearing up for it for years.

The timing, however, is unfortunate. A strong yen means further pressure on already weak profits, and could thus delay the Nikkei recovery needed to restore banking assets, and thus the confidence to lend to the small-company sector, the only source, there as here, of employment growth.

The Bank of Japan, scandal-free and stronger than ever after its bubble-bursting achievements, would no doubt like to cut rates still further, and neglect an already strong yen: but it dare not exercise its strength. The only promising response to Clinton is not the heavyweight challenge of the sumo tradition, but the strategic yielding of judo. The Japanese are good at this, but at present it means, in effect, importing deflation into an already depressed economy. If they can turn this to a triumph, I might take up judo myself.

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MPs condemn Bank failure over BCCI enquiry



Radice: "honour-bound"

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INFLUENTIAL committee of MPs is evenly split over whether the Bank of England is "honour-bound" to compensate those who lost money in the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

The Commons Treasury committee unanimously agreed a report condemning the Bank's failure to dismiss or discipline staff who were involved in supervising BCCI.

Bank officials had denied that they had failed to discharge their supervisory duties properly. But the cross-party committee said: "We disagree. It is, in our view, impossible to conclude from the Bingham report that the Bank's role and duty as supervisor was discharged 'properly and competently'. On the contrary, we believe that the Bingham report demonstrates conclusively that the Bank of England failed to discharge its supervisory duties in respect of BCCI."

However, it divided down party lines on the question of compensation. The committee was reduced to ten MPs, for the enquiry because John Watts, the usual Tory chairman, stepped down as he acts for a former BCCI client.

The draft report of Giles Radice, the acting chairman and Labour MP for Durham North, said: "We consider that, on the basis of his own criteria, the Chancellor of the Exchequer is honour-bound to reconsider the case for partial compensation to BCCI's UK depositors above and beyond that available under the deposit protection scheme."

On February 10, Judith Chaplin, the Conservative MP who died last Friday, proposed that the sentence should be deleted from the final report. The four other Tory MPs backed her, while the four Labour MPs voted against.

After the report was published yesterday, Alistair Darling, Labour's Treasury spokesman, accused government whips of pressurising the Tory committee MPs to remove the recommendation. "The depositors are bound to feel bitter at the treatment and attitude of the government, especially when they consider the treatment of other investors who lost out following the Barlow Clowes collapse."

He called for a new body charged with banking supervision together with an overhaul of the regulations of banking and financial services.

Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East who has led the campaign for compensation for victims of the BCCI collapse, said the report passed a "devastating judgment" on the Bank of England's supervision of BCCI. "It is now clear that the Bank of England has emerged disgraced, discredited and incompetent."

However, the Bank of England said that the committee report offered no factual material which could not be found in the Bingham report. It did not believe there was any case for giving additional compensation to UK depositors beyond the statutory deposit protection scheme. "The Bank has already made a full response to the Bingham report, including a number of changes flowing from the lessons learned from BCCI and Bingham's recommendations," a statement said.

Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath, said he would be tabling a Commons motion calling on the government to review the appointment of Eddie George as the next Governor of the Bank of England in the wake of the select committee's criticisms.

British Gas profit felled by regulator

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas, which is attempting to mend fences with regulator Sir James McKinnon, yesterday announced profits ground down by his repeated assaults.

Warm weather, growing competition for large customers and tariff cuts pulled the company's operating profits back by almost 20 per cent to £1.37 billion.

A £320 million exceptional charge to finance 3,200 job cuts and removal of pollution at the sites of old town gas works lowered pre-tax profits still further to £1.05 billion.

Helped by the regulator, rivals now supply 27,400 sites using more than 2,500 therms of gas a year, taking half of the firm contract market. When interruptible supplies are included, rivals have 27 per cent of the business market, against a target by 1995 of 40 per cent.

Although the return on capital is declining, fixed investment was £1.8 billion, up £100 million on the previous year. But the combination of lower sales volumes and prices and an increased dividend, caused a £1.5 billion net cash outflow, raising gearing from 25 per cent to 33 per cent.

The figures amply confirm the reputation of Sir James as Britain's most effective utility regulator. But they were accompanied by further evidence that British Gas has reversed the obstructive strategy that has characterised its seven-year war with Sir James, seeking instead to better inform and influence him.

Cedric Brown, whose promotion to chief executive of British Gas coincided with emergence of the softer tone, said: "I am seeking to build bridges and achieve a dialogue."

In evidence, Mr Brown pointed to the publication yesterday of joint proposals from British Gas and Ofgas on pricing, regulation and connection charges, which might apply after the impending separation of British Gas's supply business from its transmission arm.

Their ideas will be fed into a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry, which is expected to deliver proposals for the future structure of the gas industry by April.

An Ofgas spokesman rejected any suggestion that excessive regulation was damaging British Gas. "We don't take credit for job losses," he said. But he emphasised some common ground with British Gas.

The Gas Consumers Council said British Gas had raised installation and service charges by up to 13 per cent "and will be looking for more opportunities to squeeze its customers".

The final dividend is 7.8p, making a total of 14.2p, up a notional 6 per cent on the payout for the foreshortened nine month-period reported last time.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Mending fences: British Gas officials Cedric Brown, left, chairman Robert Evans and Philip Rogerson

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BELLWINCH (Int)
Pre-tax: £97,000 loss
EPS: 0.6p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Losses last time were £385,000 before tax and 11.7p per share. Turnover eased to £5.4 million from £6 million

FLOGAS (Int)
Pre-tax: IR£3.2m (£2.9m)
EPS: 10.93p (9.54p)
Div: 2.94p (2.94p)
Company has marketed natural gas in Britain since October and has sold its allocation under British Gas's release programme

HONEYSUCKLE (Int)
Pre-tax: £601,000
EPS: 5.5p (4.7p)
Div: 0.75p (nil)
Profits last time were £589,000 and earnings 4.7p a share. Turnover fell to £8.8 million from £11.1 million

MACRO 4 (Int)
Pre-tax: £4.9m (£3.8m)
EPS: 14.8p (11.5p)
Div: 6.27p (5.14p)
Trading conditions remain difficult but the board expects second half profits to exceed profits in the first half

ROXSPUR (Int)
Pre-tax: £343,000 loss
EPS: 6.7p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Profits last time were £1,000, with earnings of 0.02p a share. Net exceptional charges were £289,000. Turnover fell to £1.95m from £2.4m

BANK LEUMI (UK) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.7m (£5.5m)
EPS: 36p (47p)
Div: 17p (16p)
Provisions of £8.2 million were reduced by release of £1.3 million country debt provisions. Prospects good if economy stabilises

The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Public Limited Company

Final dividend 1992

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Thursday, 18th March, 1993 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1992 of 12.6p per 25p Ordinary Share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 13th May, 1993 the dividend will be paid on 17th May, 1993.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, not later than 3pm on 18th March, 1993.

SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No.189 which must be deposited for examination at Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issues Section, Bolsa House, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EE, at least five clear days before payment is required (the required date cannot be prior to the 17th May, 1993) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie, 121 boulevard Haussmann, 75008, Paris.

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Accountants 'must be marketed'

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

ACCOUNTANTS and solicitors are losing business to competitors through lack of planning, according to industry experts.

The recession has encouraged clients to shop around for professional services and solicitors and accountants are under greater pressure than ever to promote themselves effectively. Many companies are switching auditors or renegotiating audit fees.

Tony Reiss, marketing director of Cameron Markby Hewitt, the City law firm, is among speakers at a conference, *Competitive Marketing for Accountants and Solicitors*, at the Institute of Directors, London, today, sponsored by *The Times*. He stresses the importance of a solid computer system in the current competitive environment and is critical of the lack of client details stored on computer by many firms.

Mr Reiss says: "Clients have become much better buyers of services. Their businesses are under more pressure. Accountants and lawyers need to respond and put their case more clearly than they have done in the past."

James Gemmell, marketing partner of Clark Whitehill, an accountancy firm with 60 regional offices, says many practices pay too little attention to their local markets. He says: "The majority of local firms haven't done any research and don't know their market. They must decide which people to target and how to get the message across."

Other speakers include Clive Parritt, national managing partner of Baker Tilly, the accountancy firm.

BR pension trustees on attack over fear of assets seizure

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE trustees of the British Rail pension scheme are to meet John MacGregor the Transport Secretary, next Tuesday to express concern that the government intends to seize billions of pounds of pension assets from soon-to-be privatised companies.

David Adams, the chief executive of the British Rail Pension Trustee Company, said he would tell Mr MacGregor that the options for the future of the British Rail pension, set out in a consultative document published at the end of January, would leave pensioners worse off after British Rail was privatised.

An estimated 220,000 pensioners already receiving payments, or awaiting deferred payments, would be affected if the government decides to take over the administration of the scheme and to absorb the pensioners' £3.5 billion share of the £8.5 billion British Rail pension fund.

The consultative document "Railway Pensions After Privatisation — Government Proposals" sets out two options for the future of the pension scheme. It could remain a closed scheme, with trustees responsible for the assets, but with no guarantees from either the employer or the government that existing entitlements will be honoured. Alternatively, the government could take over a share of the assets, guarantee index-linked pensions, but not provide any improvements to existing entitlements.

With the existing arrangements, part of the last two years actuarial surpluses have been used to improve benefits, which has meant a significant improvement for older pensioners.

Mr Adams added that the trustees had had a number of letters from worried pensioners worried about their future benefits.

Trustees of industries targeted for privatisation, which include British Coal and the Post Office, fear the government may have a 'hidden agenda' to absorb billions of pounds from profitable pension funds into the Treasury cap.

The social security select committee said earlier this week that it was to take evidence from trustees and MPs.

John Morgan, chief executive of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), speaking at the National Association of Pension Funds annual conference in Eastbourne, said trustees should be independent of interference from the Treasury or trade unions.



MacGregor: a meeting

CBI finds 'cautious optimism'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH manufacturers are expecting to increase their output in the light of an improvement in both domestic and export orders, according to the latest business survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

Though the cautiously optimistic signs in the CBI's latest monthly trends survey sit uneasily with the huge job losses announced yesterday, business economists said the survey's findings maintained a pattern of slow improvement.

The CBI's monthly survey, covering 1,421 manufacturing companies, uses the same sample as the quarterly industrial trends report, and tracks the state of British industry between the bigger studies.

Total orders across manufacturing industry remain below normal, the survey indicates, but they have shown a sizable improvement. Eleven per cent of companies regard orders as above normal, with 47 per cent seeing them as below normal, giving a negative balance — one group set against the other — of minus 36 per cent. The CBI said this was markedly better than the minus 46 per cent balance recorded in January, and said it was the "least negative result" since the minus 33 per cent balance on orders recorded in August 1990.

Export orders are showing an improvement on a similar scale, rising from a balance of minus 34 per cent in January to minus 26 per cent in the latest survey.

Overall, 26 per cent of manufacturers expect an improvement in output production, while 14 per cent are forecasting a decline.

Trade fears cloud Bonn recovery hopes

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE
CORRESPONDENT

DEEPENING doubts about Germany's international competitiveness have raised questions over whether west German companies will benefit from any global economic recovery, says Franz Schoser, head of the powerful German chambers of commerce and industry (DIHT).

His gloomy remarks about German exporters' prospects accompanied the latest DIHT survey, which showed that west German firms' hopes of an improvement have dried up. Indeed, many companies now fear that the strong mark plus high costs will combine to make German exports fall in volume terms.

Exports have been a post-war west German strength, but the shock of reunification prompted a massive refocusing of goods towards the economically devastated eastern Germany rather than export markets. But Herr Schoser identified the main cause of the scepticism abounding among west German exporters as weak growth in Europe generally.

German carmakers, one of the main pillars of exports and a bellwether of economic health, have been cutting output plans. Large numbers of workers face redundancy or have been put on short time.

The DIHT survey of more than 20,000 firms shows 37 per cent of respondents expecting exports to fall this year, against 16 per cent anticipating an increase. Only 12 per cent of respondents expect an improvement soon in the overall economic picture. Almost half expect the situation to worsen. The survey results meant industry's expectations were at an "absolute low", Herr Schoser said.

The DIHT, which carries far more political clout than its British equivalent, predicts the west German economy will contract by almost 1 per cent this year. The government forecasts stagnation to 1 per cent shrinkage. Herr Schoser said there was no sign of an end to the recession, and he did not rule out a downward economic spiral. Graf Otto Lambsdorff, former economics minister and now chairman of the Free Democrats, the junior coalition partner in Bonn, recently said Germany had entered its most severe recession since the war.

Companies are investing hopes in further Bundesbank easing, more modest pay settlements and a pick-up in American demand to help lift German exports, but any improvement is only expected after some delay. The threat of transatlantic trade clashes, such as the punitive anti-dumping tariffs Washington imposed on steel imports, continues to loom in German exporters' minds.

The European Commission has given a boost to east Germany's hopes of revival by clearing state aid for steel, glass and shipbuilding firms privatised by the Treuhand agency. Aid worth DM1.86 billion was agreed for restructuring Jenoptik, Carl Zeiss Jena and Jenaer Glaswerk, glass and optical engineers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Woolwich suffers from Town & Country costs

THE Woolwich Building Society has announced a pre-tax profit of £149.3 million, an increase of 9.5 per cent on its 1991 results. If it had not been for the costs of closing down half the Town & Country network after its takeover last year, the society would have made a profit of £160.7 million. The third-largest society made provisions of £144.7 million, twice the 1991 amount. However, the number of properties taken into possession dropped by 11 per cent to 3,364. Lending fell by £400 million to £2.7 billion, and retail receipts were down from £1.1 billion to £893 million.

The takeover of the Town & Country Building Society resulted in £98 million being added to the reserves of the Woolwich. Its gross capital ratio improved to 5.9 per cent from 5.8 per cent. Assets increased to £23.3 billion from £20.2 billion, mostly as a result of the merger. The increase in profitability was largely down to the five mortgage rate reductions last year, which gave the Woolwich the opportunity to cut savings rates before mortgage rates. Donald Kirkham, chief executive, said that unemployment was the main cause of borrowers falling behind with their repayments.

Gazza boost for Spurs

THE £5.4 million transfer of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio of Italy was a key to boosting Tottenham Hotspur's interim pre-tax profits to £3.3 million (£810,000). At the normal trading level, before transfers, turnover in the six months to end-November fell to £6.9 million (£7.3 million) and operating profits before interest and exceptional items were £242,000 (£1.3 million). There was a £2.7 million (£274,000) profit on player transfers. Earnings per share were 19.2p (8p). A special 3p interim dividend was paid in November. **Tempus, page 25**

Final offer for Brabant

ABERDEEN Petroleum, the oil and gas production company quoted in London but based in America, has posted its final offer document to Brahant Resources, the UK explorer, for which it has made a £6.5 million all-paper bid. Aberdeen already has 9.99 per cent of the target, and with irrevocable undertakings controls 21 per cent. Aberdeen yesterday disclosed an increase in pre-tax profits for 1992 to £355,000 (£78,000). Earnings per share rose from 0.12p to 0.73p. There is no dividend.

Shining year for gold

CHINESE demand for *chuk kam* (pure gold jewellery) rose 47 per cent to 250 tonnes last year to help make 1992 the fourth successive year that demand for gold has risen, the World Gold Council has reported. Total indentified worldwide demand for gold in jewellery, investments and industrial uses rose 9 per cent to 3,057 tonnes, of which a record 2,400 tonnes was needed for jewellery alone, the WGC's latest *Gold Demand Trends* quarterly review shows. Further strong demand is expected in 1993.

London Forfaiting rises

LONDON Forfaiting Company, the specialist trade financing house, lifted pre-tax profits 20 per cent to £18.1 million (£15.1 million) in the year to end-December, on trading income of £24.1 million (£17.3 million). Bank interest payable fell to £932,000 (£3.7 million). Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 13.75p (11.52p). A final dividend of 5.5p (5p) a share makes a total 8.4p (7.625p). Peter Buckley, pictured right, is to stand down as chairman at the annual meeting in April. Jack Wilson, chief executive, will replace him.



UK boost for Ukraine

UKRAINE yesterday embarked on its first large-scale privatization project, as part of a £100,000 project funded by the British government. The deal releases control of a meat factory to its workers, suppliers and the public, clearing the way for foreign investment. The project is expected to be the first of several, financed by the British government, to serve as blue prints for similar schemes. The finance has been channelled through the UK government know how fund, set up to aid communist states in eastern and central Europe.

Dunkeld back in black

DUNKELD Group, the swimwear and shirts group formerly known as Aitch Holdings, has eased back into profit after a year of reorganisation. The company made a pre-tax profit of £389,000 in the year to end-November (£7.3 million loss). Presented in accordance with FRS3, the new accounting standards, the company made a pre-tax profit of £2.4 million (£17.5 million loss) swelled by goodwill writeoffs of about £8.5 million on disposals. Adjusted earnings per share are 3.41p (29.21p loss). There is no dividend (nil).

Inchcape timber sale

INCHCAPE, the international trading group, is selling its loss-making South East Asian timber operations to a local buyer for about £24 million. The disposal is expected to net a profit of £3.5 million, which will be taken below the line. Fabureat Sdn Bhd and Primegroup Holdings, controlled by Anthony Chen, a Singapore businessman, have paid 39 million Singapore dollars (£16.36 million) and a further S$17 million is due in two years' time. The sale completes Inchcape's withdrawal from natural resources.

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Cost cuts boost net income at Shell to £3.06bn

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Shell blamed its first loss on chemicals in ten years on overcapacity in the industry and gave a warning that closures, divestment or mergers were urgently needed

ROYAL Dutch/Shell Group has reported a rise in net income of 28 per cent to £3,064 million for 1992. Even after adjusting for stock losses and profits, the group is 8 per cent up at £3,122 million for the year.

Sir Peter Holmes, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, the British arm of Shell that owns 40 per cent of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, said the rise was more due to cost cuts than any improvement in trading. He added that given the general environment, the core businesses had done pretty well.

In the final quarter, net income rose from £454 million to £928 million, although Sir Peter said the final quarter of 1991 had been extremely depressed.

The total dividend for the year rises from 20.9p to 21.9p after a rise in the final dividend from 12.0p to 12.6p. The shares advanced 1p to 583p.

Profits have risen in spite of Shell's first loss on chemicals in ten years. Chemicals fell from a profit of £23 million in 1991, to a loss of £223 million in 1992.

Shell says that the chemical industry is suffering from overcapacity yet even more capacity is coming on stream. "We are going to have to take a number of initiatives such as closure, divestment and merger. There has to be a rationalisation of this industry before the situation will improve."

The company added that state-owned chemical companies at the top end of the supply curve would, in a logical environment, be the ones to have to close capacity, but that decisions may be politically influenced.

In the fourth quarter of last year, chemicals lost £183 million against £90 million in the fourth quarter of 1991. Shell said it was far too early to say if 1993 would be as bad as the final quarter of last year.

Shell's oil exploration and production business turned in £1,862 million for 1992, up 29 per cent on the previous year. In the final quarter earnings raced ahead to £682 million from £391 million in 1991.

Oil and gas sales both rose 3 per cent, and Shell said they were at their highest levels since the mid-seventies. Shell said lower taxation and exploration costs also contributed. Oil and gas exploration spending fell from £787 million to £719 million over the year.

Capital spending on oil and gas exploration and production fell from £2,550 million to £2,470 million. Total capital spending and exploration spending across the group fell from £6,531 million to £5,973 million.

Profits from refining and marketing rose 7 per cent to £1,243 million over the year, and up from £251 million to £278 million in the final quarter. Refinery intake in the final quarter rose 2 per cent, but like sales volumes was little changed on the year.

Sir Peter said that in Europe and America "refining margins were too low. We have got to have better overall margins to justify new refineries. Over the next few years quite a few have to be built."

Coal lost Shell £22 million over the year and metals lost Shell £41 million.

On oil prices, Shell said they moved in a relatively narrow range in 1992. Sir Peter refused to be drawn into a forecast for the future other than to say "prices would fluctuate, maybe in a wide range, maybe in a narrow range".

Commenting on the relative fall in oil prices since 1986, apart from the brief rise to $40 seen during the Gulf war, he said: "Some companies lost their shirts, we have not."

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PETER TREVINOR

Higher fashion: Frank Usher, designer of specialist occasion womenswear for Harrods, Harvey Nichols and other leading London stores, is celebrating a stylish rise in first-half profits (Jon Ashworth writes). The company made pre-tax profits of £843,000 (£585,000) in the six months to end-November on sales of £9.2 million (£7.6 million). Earnings per share were 8.2p (5.7p). There is an interim dividend of 2.5p (2p). Christopher Norland, non-executive chairman, pictured above with models Helen Fairbrother (left) and Lisette Lee, said the first half had lived up to expectations. The cost of moving to new showrooms in the West End will take some of the shine off second-half figures. Mr Norland said: "It's been a good first half. Don't look to double it in the current year but it will be a good year overall." The shares rose 9p to 89p.

Losses cut to £119m at Royal Insurance

SARAH BAGNALL

ROYAL Insurance, one of the UK's largest composite insurers, reported a pre-tax loss of £119 million for the year ended December, compared with a £373 million loss last time. The company also launched a £100 million subordinated bond to refinance existing borrowings.

In line with market expectations, there is a final dividend of 3p, taking the total to 5p, compared with 11.25p last year. The shares closed down 2p at 83p. The City expects dividends to remain low until the company's fortunes recover. A return to profits is forecast for 1993 as the benefits of higher insurance rates feed through.

The insurer's results continued to reflect its exposure to domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) policies, on which underwriting losses totalled £160 million, against £257 million.

Richard Gamble, chief executive, stood by his estimate of further DMI losses of £90 million in 1993. Reserves for DMI claims are £445 million.

Royal announced improved results from its general insurance operations in Britain and the United States, but a deterioration in its Canadian operation. The UK business made a pre-tax loss of £50 million, a £317 million improvement, helped by lower subsidence claims and the milder winter of 1992. The US operations mustered a £24 million profit, against £3 million last time.

Losses at the reinsurance operations, which have been scaled back significantly, more than doubled to £79 million. The deterioration was primarily the result of losses from Hurricane Andrew and late losses feeding through.

Worldwide profits from life operations fell from £59 million to £29 million because of a £23 million loss from the overseas business. Royal Life Canada suffered an investment writedown of £29 million because of the property market.

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Non-EC trade gap narrows to £1.02bn

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S trade performance outside the European Community — about a third of all trade — showed a slight improvement in January, with the deficit narrowing to £1.02 billion from £1.34 billion in December. But the underlying trend is deteriorating.

Figures for Britain's trade with Europe, by far its most important trading area, will not be published by the Central Statistical Office until July at the earliest, because the CSO wants to ensure the quality of its figures after a change in collection procedures, in accordance with the new rules of the single market. Data are now being collected from VAT returns instead of Customs & Excise reports. January's figures were mildly heartening, with exports up almost 5 per cent from December's discouraging performance and imports down nearly 3 per cent. However, economists said there was nothing in the figures to suggest Britain's trade performance is improving overall.

On three-month data, which give a better idea of trends, exports rose 4 per cent in the quarter to January against the previous three months, and 11 per cent on the same period a year ago. However, imports were 6.5 per cent higher than the previous three months and 15 per cent up on a year ago. In the latest three months, Britain's non-EC deficit totalled £3.4 billion, against £2.2 billion in the previous quarter.

Trade with North America deteriorated in the latest quarter from the previous one, with exports up 6 per cent but imports jumping 18 per cent. This trade gap is likely to narrow as US demand recovers and sterling's devaluation starts to benefit exporters.

But there is still concern over the large deficit while domestic demand is so sluggish. Nigel Richardson of Yamaichi Securities said: "January's figures still suggest that Britain's underlying trade gap is running at about £1 billion a month. If that's the best we can do in the longest recession since the 1930s, one can hardly be optimistic about the longer-run trend."

Sterling hardly reacted to the trade data but rose on a more optimistic monthly trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, showing firms expecting higher output and increased export orders. The pound's trade-weighted index closed at 76.3 from 76.0 on Wednesday. After another low of DM2.3147 against the mark in the Far East overnight, sterling recovered in London to DM2.3387.

☐ Notes and coins in circulation data suggest narrow money M0 grew at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent this month.

Dixons buys PC World for £8.5m

Dixons Group is buying Vision Technology Group, which operates the PC World chain of computer-superstores, for £8.5 million to be paid for in cash and loan notes.

VTG made a pre-tax profit of £400,000 on sales of £49.3 million in the year ended August 31, and had net assets at the 1992 balance sheet date of £800,000. The company was established in 1991 and operates from four superstores.

Dixons recently extended its computer interests to 32 Currys out-of-town superstores.

Zimbabwe lift

Rio Tinto Zimbabwe, 58.4 per cent owned by RTZ, says it should benefit from an expected stronger Zimbabwean economy from the third quarter of its 1993 financial year. The crippling drought that hurt industry in 1992 has now broken, and electricity supplies are expected to be more satisfactory this year than last. In the financial year ended December 30, the group's net attributable profit rose from Z$36.2 million (£3.9 million) to Z$40.2 million. Total dividend is held at 70 cents a share.

Telegraph rises

Higher revenues from newspaper sales increased turnover at The Telegraph from £219 million to £237 million in 1992 and profits are ahead by 9 per cent to £44 million. Earnings per share fell from 25.4p to 23.8p, due to a rising tax charge. Advertising revenue increased by only 4 per cent. A 6.5p final makes 11p for the year, excluding the 10p special dividend paid prior to the company's flotation in June.

At the year-end the group borrowings of £40 million and cash balances of £28 million.

Provident Financial sells Peoples Bank

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

PROVIDENT Financial, the personal loan and consumer finance group, reported a 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £44.5 million for the year to end-December, and announced the disposal of Peoples Bank, its banking subsidiary, to Secure Trust.

The sale for £4.8 million, a sum equal to the bank's net asset value, marks the completion of Provident's plan to dispose of non-core activities, leaving the business to concentrate on its core activities of weekly collected credit and insurance.

The shares jumped 41p on the news, before falling back to end the day 20p up 794p. Part of the rise was because of a five-for-two share split, aimed to make the shares more tradeable. A final dividend of 19.25p takes the total for the year to 28.5p, against 25p last time, and earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 58.37p.

Included in the £44.5 million pre-tax profit was a £1.9 million extraordinary loss, due to the write-back of £4.2 million of goodwill in connection with the disposals of Car Care Holdings and Peoples Motor Finance last year. Profits at the credit collection division advanced 18 per cent to £45.7 million, as a result of concentrating on loan products.

John van Kuffeler, chief executive at Provident, said more than 1,000 jobs had gone in the division over the year. The insurance division increased profits from £0.9 million to £5.4 million.

Mr Kuffeler said the company was beginning to reap the rewards of an expansion plan started three years ago. One area of growth is Provident's motor insurance business, where the company has moved into the female driver market. He said he expected "a faster profits growth in the insurance division than in the weekly credit collection division".



Reaping the rewards: John van Kuffeler of Provident

British Steel job losses not ruled out

BY TOM WALKER AND COLIN NARBROUGH

TIM Sainsbury, the industry minister, refused to rule out job cuts at British Steel after a tense meeting in Brussels that augured a stormy passage for a £700 million rescue plan for the Community's beleaguered steel industry.

But the "crisis council" on the industry's future produced no sign that Italy and Spain, whose state-owned steel companies are considered the most inefficient in the Community, are ready to countenance big cuts in capacity and jobs.

Germany's mainly private sector steel industry savaged the commission's proposals for failing to address the question of massive state subsidies in Italy and Spain. A statement issued by the German steel association said that, in the current environment, "private sector steel makers have no chance". Klöckner, one of Germany's leading steel firms, was forced to seek court protection from its creditors in December, even though is debts and losses are dwarfed by those of Italy and Spain's state-owned steel companies.

Giuseppe Guarino, the Italian industry minister, said that unless Rome was allowed to pump £416 million into the state-owned Ilva, which is hopes to privatise, it would block any community-wide rescue package.

Martin Bangemann, industry commissioner, admitted it was hopeless to try to reach any political deal while such obstinacy persisted. Most countries blamed Spain and Italy, but Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French industry minister, blamed Washington and eastern Europe for the difficulties.

Asked about possible cuts at British Steel, Mr Sainsbury said: "I'm not saying there won't be any, but I'm not saying there definitely will be either." A spokesman for BS in London said the company recognised that "nobody is immune" in the event of Community deal to cut capacity, and that BS "could not say it would escape entirely".

It now appears certain that imports from eastern Europe will be severely restricted for the next two years, as between 50,000 and 100,000 jobs are shed in the Community's steel industry. By September, Fernand Braun, the commission's special steel envoy, must persuade firms to commit themselves to cut capacity by at least 30 million tonnes in crude steel and 20 million tonnes in rolled products.

The commission ignored the warning signs from national delegations, and afterwards claimed the meeting had been a success. All three commissioners involved said they believed the EC could have a rescue package up and running by the end of September.

Sir Leon Brittan, external economic affairs commissioner, was adamant that inefficient steel mills would not be allowed to survive.

"I come from a country where they tried to keep jobs open when they were no longer sustainable and the result was that, years later, many more jobs had to be lost," he said.

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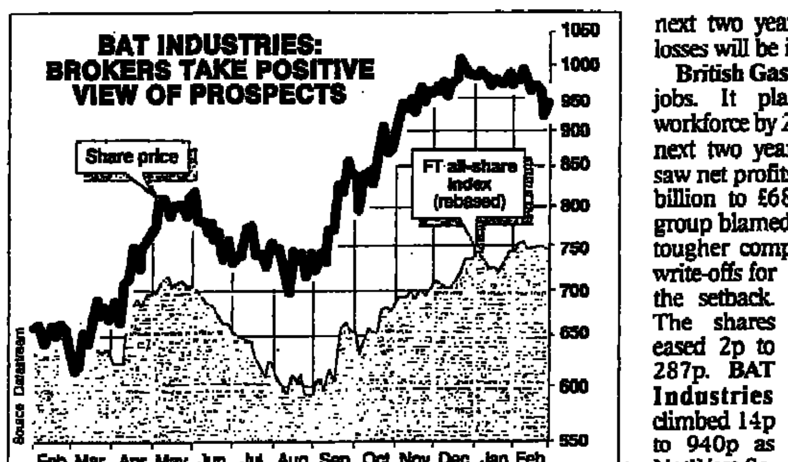
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STOCK MARKET

Barclays fights off a bear squeeze

THE smell of burnt fingers wafted round the Square Mile as an attempt by the bears to drive the Barclays Bank share price sharply lower ended in failure. **Barclays** finished the session just 4p lower at 420p as almost 7 million shares changed hands. The thrust of the bear raid revolved round claims that officials of Barclays had gone to the Bank of England to ask for support because its loan book had fallen into such poor shape. The story spread through the market and the price traded down to 414p. But the bank reacted swiftly, denying the story and pointing out that its officials make regular visits to Threadneedle Street. Barclays is due to unveil full-year figures next week. It has been a difficult week for the banks, and this latest manoeuvre by the bears may have been prompted by disappointing figures from National Westminster earlier, which saw provisions for bad debts surge to almost £2 billion. **NatWest** closed last night just 1p firmer at 436p. The rest of the banks had a better day, clawing back some of their recent losses. **Abbey National**, due to unveil full-year figures, firmed 3p to 388p. There were also gains for **HSBC**, 7p to 594p, **Lloyds**, 4p to 513p, **Bank of Scotland**, 3p to 136p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 2½p to 237½p, and **Standard Chartered**, 9p to 653p. Elsewhere, shares made headway in thin trading with the FT-SE 100 index closing near its best of the day, 11.7 points up at 2,828.7. Turnover expanded to 620 million shares. Fund managers appear unwilling to open new positions but are also reluctant to sell the market. Once again events at **ICI** dominated sentiment. The price fluctuated wildly, touching £11.05 before closing 30p down at £10.52 after confirmation of plans to demerge the group's non-chemical interests later this year and raise £1.3 billion by way of a rights issue to reduce the debt levels of the remaining parts of the group. The details emerged when the group announced it had dropped into the red last year with a pre-tax loss of £384 million compared with a profit of £843 million. The figure was struck after taking into account restructuring costs of almost £1 billion.

Today is the last chance to apply for shares in Pilot Investment Trust, which will invest in smaller companies valued at less than £30 million. Institutions have already taken up almost half the shares being issued by way of a placing. The rest are being made available via an offer for sale at 100p.



The provisions came as a shock, but the maintained dividend and proposed demerger was warmly greeted by analysts on both sides of the Atlantic. By the close, 13 million shares had changed hands. ICI also announced plans to cut its worldwide workforce by 9,000 over the next two years, half the job losses will be in the UK.

British Gas is also shedding jobs. It plans to cut its workforce by 2,400 during the next two years. Last year, it saw net profits fall from £1.16 billion to £681 million. The group blamed warm weather, tougher competition and the write-offs for the setback. The shares eased 2p to 287p. **BAT Industries** climbed 14p to 940p as NatWest Securities took an optimistic view of prospects. It does not believe that the proposed increase in US tobacco excise duty presents a material threat to BAT's dividend prospects. NatWest says full-year figures in a couple of weeks will reveal a big rise in earnings and a 10 per cent dividend increase.

Credit Lyonnais Laing says British Aerospace is a sell. The price has doubled since the Al Yamamah defence contract, from which it derives £250 million a year, was confirmed. Laing says the rating is too high for a company so reliant on one contract, but BAe firmed 2p to 267p ex-dividend.

The pound's devaluation added almost £400 million to **Shell's** profits in 1992. Historic net income in the final quarter rose from £454 million to £928 million, making £3.06 billion for the year against £2.4 billion in 1991. The shares firmed 1p to 583p. There was little cheer for shareholders of **Royal Insurance**, with the price slipping 3p to 282p. Losses in 1992 were reduced from £373 million to £119 million but the total dividend has been cut from 11.25p to 5p and the group is raising £100 million via a bond issue. The rest of the insurers closed mixed.

Micro Focus, the computer software group, enjoyed an early rise on soaring profits. But some brokers have begun cutting their forecasts for the current year and Micro ended 120p lower at £25.15.

MICHAEL CLARK

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities drew encouragement from a steadier performance by the pound, enabling them to claw-back some of the losses recorded earlier this week.

Prices rallied in thin trading, with most of the support concentrated at the longer end. On the futures market, the March series of the long gilt ended £½ higher at £103⁹⁄₁₆ with 22,000 contracts completed. A further 14,000 were completed in the June series, with evidence to suggest that investors are continuing to roll their positions over. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 climbed 15 ticks to £105½, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was seven ticks higher at £111³¹⁄₃₂.

Dealers said the firmer performance by the gilt market may open the door for the Bank of England to issue more tap stock today.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104¼	100⅛	Treas 12½% 1993	102⅛	...	12.19	5.71
100⅛	95⅛	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛	...	5.99	5.62
107⅝	103⅛	Treas 13¼% 1993	105⅛	-⅛	12.09	5.55
102⅛	96⅛	Treas 8¼% 1994	102⅛	-⅛	8.28	5.51
110⅛	104⅛	Treas 14½% 1994	108⅛xd	-⅛	13.34	5.52
110⅛	103⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	108⅛	-⅛	12.41	5.55
105⅛	98⅛	Treas 10% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	9.49	5.57
110⅛	103⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	109⅛	-⅛	11.40	5.64
105⅛	96⅛	Treas 9% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	8.54	5.66
111⅛	102⅛	Treas 12% 1995	110⅛	-⅛	10.81	5.80
96⅛	88⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅛	...	3.10	4.71
109⅛	99⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	109⅛	-⅛	9.36	5.91
116⅛	106⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	116⅛	-⅛	10.93	5.98
120⅛	109⅛	Treas 14% 1996	120⅛	-⅛	11.65	6.25
125⅛	113⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	125⅛	-⅛	12.19	6.38
120⅛	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119⅛	-⅛	11.08	6.38
111⅛	98⅛	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	8.99	6.53
122⅛	109⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	122⅛	-⅛	10.84	6.67
113⅛	100⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅛	-⅛	9.28	6.66
108⅛	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅛xd	-⅛	8.11	6.66
132⅛	117⅛	Exch 15% 1997	131⅛	+⅛	11.39	6.90
112⅛	97⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⅛	+⅛	8.71	6.83
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102⅛	98⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅛	...	7.14	6.62
100⅛	86⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅛	-⅛	6.73	6.54
137⅛	123⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅛xd	...	11.28	7.21
122⅛	107⅛	Exch 12% 1998	121⅛	...	9.86	7.28
112⅛	97⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	111⅛	-⅛	8.53	7.09
123⅛	109⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	123⅛xd	-⅛	9.92	7.37
116⅛	101⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	116⅛	-⅛	9.04	7.21
116⅛	100⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	115⅛	-⅛	8.88	7.29
110	94⅛	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛xd	-⅛	8.22	7.34
129⅛	114⅛	Treas 13% 2000	129⅛	...	10.00	7.66
114⅛	99⅛	Treas 10% 2001	113⅛	-⅛	8.80	7.66
129⅛	115⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	128⅛	+⅛	10.86	7.25
113⅛	98⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	112⅛xd	...	8.67	7.86
51⅛	46⅛	Treas 8pc 2003	51⅛	-⅛	7.91	7.82
114⅛	100⅛	Treas 10% 2003	113⅛xd	...	8.79	8.02

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121⅛	107⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120⅛xd	-⅛	9.53	7.96
72⅛	59⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅛	+⅛	4.82	7.03
110⅛	96⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+⅛	8.64	8.14
110⅛	96⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	110⅛	+⅛	8.63	8.16
129⅛	116⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128⅛	+⅛	9.70	8.36
99⅛	85⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅛	-⅛	8.05	8.10
123⅛	110⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⅛	...	9.56	8.30
102⅛	89⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	101⅛	-⅛	8.35	8.27
136⅛	123⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅛	...	9.91	8.40
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
106⅛	93⅛	Treas 9% 2008	105⅛	-⅛	8.51	8.31
97⅛	85⅛	Treas 8% 2009	96⅛	-⅛	8.27	8.35
105⅛	93⅛	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.43
105⅛	93⅛	Treas 9% 2012	105⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.44
74⅛	62⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅛xd	+⅛	7.45	8.20
94⅛	81⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅛	-⅛	8.21	8.30
132⅛	118⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅛	+⅛	9.08	8.63
102⅛	91⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅛	+⅛	8.94	8.50
		UNDATED				
46⅛	39⅛	Consols 4%	46⅛	-⅛	8.64	...
40⅛	35⅛	War Ln 3½%	40⅛	+⅛	8.58	...
63⅛	59	Conv 3½%	61⅛	+⅛	5.66	...
30⅛	24⅛	Consols 2½%	29⅛	-⅛	8.37	...
29⅛	24⅛	Treas 2½%	29⅛	-⅛	8.51	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	132⅛	+⅛	...	0.81
197⅛	176⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅛	+⅛	1.41	2.16
108⅛	100⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	...	2.03	2.62
165⅛	139⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164⅛	+⅛	2.64	2.99
161⅛	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅛	...	2.81	3.11
110⅛	101⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	109⅛	-⅛	2.93	3.22
166⅛	137⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	166⅛	-⅛	3.03	3.26
150⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150⅛	-⅛	3.23	3.43
155⅛	129⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155⅛	-⅛	3.30	3.49
128⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128⅛	-⅛	3.36	3.53
136	112⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135⅛	-⅛	3.44	3.60
130⅛	107⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129⅛	-⅛	3.51	3.65
107⅛	88⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107⅛	-⅛	3.54	3.67
108⅛	91⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108⅛	-⅛	3.55	3.68

WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow

New York — The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.16 points to 3,344.34 at midday, with a sharp drop in Amgen creating a few ripples. But advances led declines nine to eight. Joseph Barthel, director of investment strategy for Fahnestock & Co. said: "We are heading for a rally which could take the Dow higher than 3400." The Nasdaq index, down initially, recovered to 667, up almost a point.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended firmer on broad buying from public pension and insurance funds and late index-linked buying. The Nikkei average was up 108.45 points at 16,907.39, with an estimated 250 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng Index advanced 26.19 points to close at 6,203.88, helped by the previous session's late rebound.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index rose 14.67 points to end at 1,658.91.

☐ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index ended 2.1 points higher at 1,606.9. *(Reuter)*

	Feb 25 midday	Feb 24 close
AMP Inc	57	55¾
AMR Corp	58⅛	57⅝
Abbott Labs	25⅝	26
Aetna Life	48	47⅜
Ahmanson (HF)	20⅝	20⅝
Air Prod & Chem	45	44⅜
Albertson's	49⅝	49⅛
Alcan Alumnm	19	19⅝
Alco Standard	41¼	41½
Allied Signal	66	65⅝
Alum Co of Am	71⅝	71¼
Amax	18⅝	19
Amerada Hess	51⅛	51⅛
Amer Brands	34⅛	34⅝
Amer Cyanamid	49⅝	49⅛
Amer El Power	35⅝	36⅛
Amer Express	24⅛	24⅛
Amer Genl Corp	58⅛	57⅝
Amer Home Pr	60	60⅛
Amer Intl	118⅝	116⅝
Amer Stores	37⅝	37⅝
Amer T & T	55⅝	56⅝
Ameritech	74⅝	75⅝
Amoco	55⅜	55⅝
Anheuser-Busch	53⅝	53⅛
Apple Computer	54⅛	53⅝
Archer Daniels	26	25⅝
Arkla	8⅛	8⅛
Armco	7⅛	7⅛
Armstrng Wrld	31⅛	31⅝
Asarco	25⅛	26⅛
Ashland Oil	27⅛	27⅛
Atl Richfield	117⅛	117⅛
Auto Data Pro	54⅛	54⅝
Avery Dennison	25⅝	26⅛
Avon Products	59⅝	58⅝
Baker Hughes	23⅝	23⅝
Baltim Gas & El	26	26⅛
Banc One	51⅝	52
BankAmerica	52⅝	52⅝
Bank of NY	55⅝	55⅝
Bankers Tr NY	67	67⅝
Barnett Banks	44⅛	44⅝
Bausch & Lomb	52⅝	52⅛
Baxter Intl	28⅛	29⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	71⅝	71½
Bell Atlantic	55⅝	56⅛
BellSouth	56	56
Black & Decker	18⅛	17⅝
Block (H&R)	42⅝	41⅝
Boeing	34⅛	34⅝
Boise Cascade	24⅛	24⅝
Borden Inc	25⅛	25⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅛	57⅝
Browning Ferris	26⅝	27
Burlington Nthn	46⅝	46⅛
CBS	199⅝	200
CNA Financial	94	93⅝
CPC Intl	47	47⅝
CSX	73⅝	72⅛
Campbell Soup	42⅝	41⅝
Can Pacific	13⅝	13⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	490⅝	491½
Cpd Holdings	74⅝	73⅝
Carolina Pwr	31⅛	31⅛
Caterpillar	56⅛	56⅝
Central & SW	32⅛	32⅝
Champion Intl	30⅝	30⅝
Chase Manhat	31⅝	31
Chemical Bk	41⅝	41⅝
Chevron Corp	77⅝	77⅝
Chrysler	38⅛	38⅝
Chubb Corp	89⅛	87⅝
Cigna Corp	61⅛	60⅛
Citicorp	26⅝	26⅝
Clorox	46⅝	46
Coastal Corp	25⅛	25⅝
Coca Cola	42⅝	42
Colgate-Palmolive	61	60⅝
Columbia Gas	23	23
Commonw Ed	27⅛	27⅛
Compaq Comp	45⅝	44⅝
Comp Ass Intl	25⅝	25⅛
Conagra	27⅛	27⅛
Cons Edison	35⅛	35⅝
Cons Nat Gas	46⅝	46⅝
Cons Rail	55⅝	56
Cooper Inds	50⅝	50⅝
Corning Inc	32⅛	32⅝
Crown Cork	37⅝	37⅝
Dana Corp	45⅛	45⅝
Dayton Hudson	80⅝	79
Deere	51	50⅝
Delta Air Lines	48⅝	48⅝
Deluxe Corp	43⅝	43⅝
Detroit Edison	36⅛	36⅛
Digital Equip	47⅝	46⅝
Dillard Dept St	47⅝	46⅛
Disney (Walt)	44⅛	44⅝
Dominion Res	42⅝	42⅝
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	55⅛	55⅝
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅛
Dresser	19	19⅛
Duke Power	38⅝	38⅝
Dun & Brdsreet	57⅝	57⅝
Du Pont	46⅝	46⅝
Eastman Kodak	52⅝	50
Eaton Corp	79⅝	79⅝

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Emerson Elec	57⅛	57
Engelhard Corp	44⅝	42⅛
Enron Corp	57⅛	57⅝
Entergy Corp	35⅝	35⅛
Ethyl Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Exxon	63	63⅛
FMC Corp	46⅛	46⅝
FPL Group	39⅝	39⅛
Federal Express	57⅝	56⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅝	79⅛
First Chicago	43	42⅛
First Interstate	52	52⅛
First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅝	32⅛
Fluor Corp	44⅝	44⅛
Ford Motor	45⅝	45⅛
GTE Corp	37	37
Gannett	50⅝	50⅝
Gap Inc Del	32⅛	32⅝
Gen Cinema	33⅛	33⅛
Gen Dynamics	114⅛	113⅝
Gen Electric	83⅝	84⅛
Gen Mills	67⅛	68⅝
Gen Motors	37⅛	37⅛
Gen Reinsurance	115⅛	113⅝
Gen Signal	64⅛	64⅛
Genuine Parts	35	35⅛
Georgia Pac	66	67⅛
Gillette	57⅝	58
Glaxo ADR	18⅛	18⅛
Goodrich (BF)	43⅝	43⅛
Goodyear Tire	67⅝	68⅛
Grace (W&R)	36⅛	36⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23⅝	23⅛
Great Wstn Fin	18	17⅝
Halliburton	34⅛	35⅛
Heinz (HJ)	43⅝	43⅝
Hercules	67⅛	67⅛
Hershey Foods	51⅛	50⅝
Hewlett Packard	75⅛	74⅝
Hilton Hotels	46⅛	45⅝
Home Depot	63⅝	63⅛
Homestake	12⅛	12⅛
Honeywell	33⅝	33⅛
Household Intl	61⅛	61⅛
Houston Inds	47⅛	47⅛
Humana	18⅛	18⅝
ITT Corp	74⅝	74⅛
Illinois Tool	73⅝	72⅝
INCO	23⅛	24
Ingersoll Rand	33	33⅛
Inland Steel	22⅛	21⅛
Intel Corp	118⅛	117⅛
IBM	52⅝	51⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	108	107⅛
Intl Paper	64⅛	65⅝
James River Va	18⅛	18⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41⅛	42⅛
K Mart	23⅝	23⅛
Kellogg	64	63⅛
Kerr-McGee	46⅛	47⅛
Kimberly-Clark	55⅛	56⅛
Knight-Ridder	59⅝	60⅝
Lilly (Eli)	50⅝	50⅝
Limited Inc	25	24⅛
LIN Brdcstng	82⅛	82⅝
Lincoln Nat	71⅝	71⅝
Litton	49⅝	49⅝
Liz Claiborne	34⅛	34⅛
Lockheed Corp	58⅝	57
Louisiana Pac	71⅛	73⅛
MCI Commun	39⅛	39⅝
Marriott	24⅛	24⅛
Marsh & McLnn	92⅛	92
Martin Marietta	68⅛	67⅛
Masco Corp	32⅝	31⅝
May Dept St	72⅝	71⅛
Maytag Corp	13⅝	14
McCaw Cellular	35	35⅛
McDonalds	49⅝	49⅝
McDonnell D	53	50⅝
McGraw Hill	58⅝	59⅛
Mead Corp	43⅛	43⅝
Medtronic	74⅝	75⅝
Mellon Bk	59⅝	58⅝
Melville Corp	49	48⅛
Merck Inc	38	38⅛
Merrill Lynch	66⅝	65⅝
Minnesota Mine	104	105⅛
Mobil Corp	66⅝	67⅛
Monsanto	51⅛	51⅛
Morgan (JP)	66	66⅝
Motorola Inc	58⅛	58⅝
Natl Medical	9⅛	9⅛
Natl Semi	11⅛	11⅛
Natl Service Ind	27	27⅛
Navistar Int	2⅝	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	34⅛	35⅛
NY Times A	28⅛	28⅛
Newmont Mng	39⅝	40⅛
Niag Mohawk	21⅛	21⅛
Nike B	71	70⅝
NL Industries	4⅝	5
Nordstrom	33⅝	34⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	64⅛	64⅝
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Nynex Corp	90	90⅛
Occidental Pet	19⅝	20⅛
Ohio Edison	24⅝	25⅛

	Feb 25 midday	Feb 24 close
Oracle Systems	31⅛	31⅛
Oryx Energy Co	20⅝	20⅛
PNC Financial	31⅝	31⅛
PPG Industries	65⅛	66⅛
Paccar Inc	58⅝	58⅛
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	21⅝	21⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅛	35
Pac Telesis	46⅝	46⅝
Pall Corp	18⅛	19
Panhandle East	21⅛	21⅛
Paramnt Comm	46⅛	46⅛
Parker Hannifin	32⅛	32⅝
Penney (JC)	77⅛	75⅛
Pennzoil	56⅛	57
Pepsico	40⅛	40⅝
Pfizer	56⅝	57⅛
Phelps Dodge	50⅝	51⅛
Philadel Elec	29⅝	29⅛
Philip Morris	65⅛	66⅛
Phillips Pet	27⅛	28⅛
Pitney Bowes	40⅛	40⅝
Polaroid	28⅛	28⅛
Price Co	33⅛	33⅛
Primerica	54⅝	52⅛
Procter & Gmbl	50⅝	50⅛
Pub Serv E & G	33	33⅝
Quaker Oats	68⅛	68⅛
Ralston Purina	48⅛	49⅛
Raychem Corp	43⅛	42⅛
Raytheon	53⅛	53⅛
Reebok Intl	34⅛	34⅛
Reynolds Metals	52	52
Roadway Srvs	66⅛	67
Rockwell Intl	29⅝	29⅛
Rohm & Haas	58⅝	58⅝
Royal Dutch	83⅝	84⅛
Rubbermaid	31⅛	31⅛
Safeco Corp	62⅝	61⅛
St Paul's Cos	77⅛	76⅛
Salomon Inc	40⅛	40⅛
Santa Fe S Pac	14⅛	14
Sara Lee Corp	29⅛	29⅝
Scecorp	48⅛	48⅝
Schering Plough	56	56⅛
Schlumberger	59⅝	59⅛
Scott Paper	38⅝	38⅛
Seagram	29⅛	29⅝
Sears Roebuck	53	52⅝
Shell Trans	50⅝	51⅛
Sherwin Wilms	32⅛	32⅝
Skyline Corp	21⅛	22
Snap-On-Tools	33⅛	33⅝
Southern Co	40⅛	40⅝
Sthwestern Bell	73⅝	73⅛
Sprint Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Stanley Works	43⅝	42⅛
Sun Company	27⅝	27⅛
Suntrust	45⅛	45⅝
Supervalu	31⅛	31⅛
Syntex Corp	19	19⅛
Sysco Corp	25⅝	25⅛
TRW Inc	58⅝	58⅛
Tandem Comp	12⅛	12⅛
Tandy Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	20⅛	21
Temple Inland	48⅝	49
Tenneco	46⅛	45⅛
Texaco	62⅛	62⅝
Texas Inst	57⅛	57⅛
Texas Utilities	46⅝	46⅛
Textron	43⅛	43⅝
Time Warner	33⅝	33⅛
Times-Mirror	32⅛	32⅛
Timken	30	29⅛
Torchmark	56⅝	57⅝
Toys R Us	38⅝	38⅛
Transamerica	48⅛	48
Travelers Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Tribune	51⅛	51
Tyco Labs	42⅝	42⅛
UAL Corp	115⅛	114
UST Inc	28⅛	27⅛
USX Marathon	18⅛	18⅝
Unilever NV	111⅛	111⅛
Union Camp	46	46⅛
Union Carbide	16⅛	17
Union Pacific	60	59⅛
Unisys Corp	11⅛	12
USAir Group	15⅛	15⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅝	13⅛
US Life	39⅝	39⅛
US West	43	43⅛
United Tech	45	44⅝
Unocal Corp	26⅝	27
Upjohn	28	28⅝
VF Corp	48⅛	47⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	63⅛	62⅝
Warner-Lambert	64⅛	65⅛
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35⅛	35
Wells Fargo	99⅝	96⅛
Westinghouse El	13⅛	13⅛
Weyerhaeuser	42⅝	43⅛
Whirlpool	49⅝	49
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	70⅝	71⅛
Woolworth	27⅛	28⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31⅛	31⅛
Xerox	81⅛	82

TransAtlantic lifts payout despite fall in net assets

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

TRANSATLANTIC Holdings, which secured a London stock exchange listing last July, blames disappointing insurance and property markets for a fall in net assets from 310p to 274p a share and the dip from 14.52p to 9.93p a share in net earnings for the year ended December.

Though the year's dividend rises from 11.45p to 12p a share, the payment is not covered by declared net earnings.

The share price yesterday rose 1p to 278p, which compares with last July's debut at 197p.

TransAtlantic owns half of Sun Life Corporation, the insurer, and all of Capital & Counties, the property company, and is itself backed by Liberty Life Association of South Africa and Societe Centrale Union des Assurances de Paris.

The group shows, after what it calls a year of transition, a 1992 pre-tax profit of £60.7 million (£61.2 million), and a net attributable profit of £35.7 million (£34.2 million).

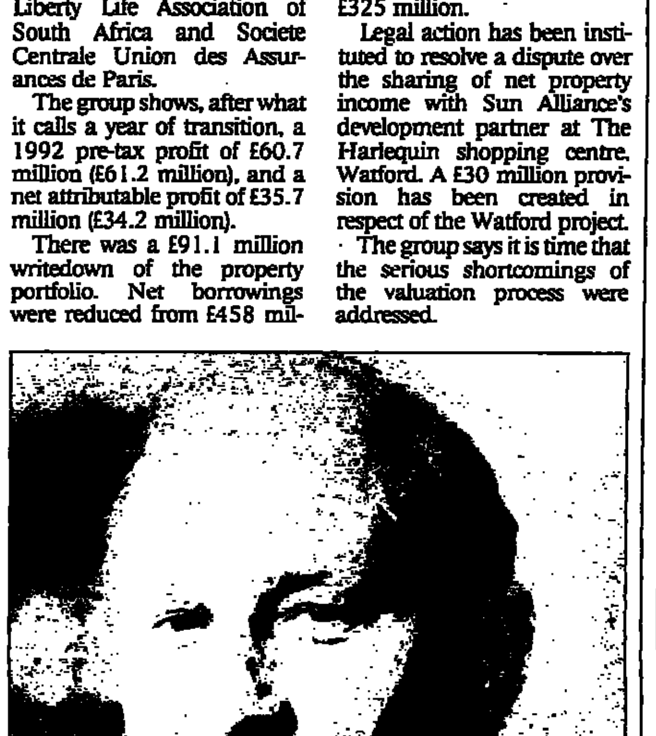
There was a £91.1 million writedown of the property portfolio. Net borrowings were reduced from £458 million to £419 million, lowering gearing from 48 per cent to 42 per cent.

Sun Life effectively defended its total new premiun income at £1.49 billion (£1.5 billion) in 1992, but gives a warning that lower bonuses should be expected which will affect both policyholders and shareholders.

Capital & Counties says three quarters of its UK investment properties by value were retail at end-December, and that Thurrock Lakeside, its largest single property, represented more than 40 per cent of the UK portfolio. Thurrock Lakeside was valued at £380 million, which incorporates a special assumption about future turnover, compared with a previous valuation of £325 million.

Legal action has been instituted to resolve a dispute over the sharing of net property income with Sun Alliance's development partner at The Harlequin shopping centre, Watford. A £30 million provision has been created in respect of the Watford project.

The group says it is time that the serious shortcomings of the valuation process were addressed.



Year of change: Donald Gordon, TransAtlantic chairman

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Provident	794p (+20p)
Macro 4	633p (+23p)
Jardine Math	464p (+13p)
Takeda Chem	754p (+10p)
Commercial Union	586p (+11p)
Bletchley Motor	249p (+8p)
BAT	942p (+14p)
Standard Chart	653p (+9p)
Hazlewood Foods	172p (+8p)
J Sainsbury	513p (+9p)
Utd Biscuits	367p (+8p)
Broken Hill	691p (+8p)
Medeva	210p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Fine Art Dev	547p (-11p)
Hartstone	223p (-27p)
Unigate	343p (-11p)
Antofagasta	868p (-22p)
Tottenham Hot	101p (-12p)
Lloyds Chem	267p (-8p)
BOC	753p (-7p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	66	-1
Mauritius Fund ($10⅛)	723	...
Merlin Intl Green Units	92	...
Motor World (210)	265	+2
New City & Comm Inv Tst	86	...
New City & Comm Wts	18	...
Comm Union n/p (490)	75	+12
Kingfisher Uts n/p (450)	107	+7
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
MMI n/p (7½)	7	...
Menvier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
PizzaExpress n/p (40)	33	...
Property Trust 10p (25)	23	...
SelecTV n/p (17)	½	+½
Triplex Lloyd n/p (140)	28	...
Volex n/p (345)	65	-1
Yorkshire Chems n/p (330)	40	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Leisure n/p (48)	4	...
Bellway n/p (320)	61	...
Bowater Units n/p (440)	76	-½

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Registered Number: 2689642. Trading Name: Bellini's Wine Bar Nature of Business: Wine Bar Trade classification: 48. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 15th February 1993 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829) of Booth White 5 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN

CAMBMAC MEDICAL PRODUCTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 175(1)/175(2) of the Companies Act 1985 that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Cambmac Medical Products Limited held on 14 December 1992 a payment out of capital by the Company for the purpose of the Company's acquiring 5,100 of its own shares by purchase from the Registered Holder thereof was approved by Special Resolution. The total amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £5,100. The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's Registered Office. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
SISEC LIMITED, Joint Secretary
Registered Office: 21 Holborn Viaduct London EC1A 2DY
Dated 23rd February 1993.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 00310 OF 1993
IN THE MATTER OF KYNOCH GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 10th February 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account and reduction of ordinary share capital of the Company, and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 12th February 1993.
Dated this 26th February 1993
Richards Butler, Beaufort House 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7EE.
Solicitors for the above-named company

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
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(In Administrative Receivership)
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J P Richards and C Morris
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Clinton feeds free lunches to fair-weather friends

The president will find that relying on a market bull run for economic successes can be hazardous, writes Wolfgang Münchau



Nation's health at heart: President Clinton and his wife, Hillary

It had to happen sooner or later. After only a few weeks of new administration, the free lunch is back on the Washington economic agenda. Free lunches had become somewhat passé after Ronald Reagan tried to raise tax revenues by cutting tax rates. Even so, there are still enough people whose willingness to believe outweighs their capacity to observe and comprehend.

The Democrat version of the free lunch goes like this: if you raise taxes in order to cut the budget deficit, and if the markets believe you, then long-term interest rates will come down. Depending on the credibility of the policy, the effect of the cut in interest rates for the average family is greater than the rise in taxes. Hence, the more you raise taxes, the more the deficit will come down, and interest rates will adjust downwards in response. In other words: you can safely raise taxes, and the beauty of it is that you can do it even in America.

With long bond yields heading into ever lower territory, having this week fallen below 7 per cent for the first time, the phenomenon of interest rate cuts outweighing tax increases has been invoked by President Clinton and his advisers almost daily. That nobody is going to be worse off is the ultimate defence of the economic policy, and so far it seems to have worked. But then these are early days.

A simple calculation illustrates this argument. The Clinton taxes, mainly energy taxes, would make the average American family about $20 worse off a month, the specific amount depends on the precise degree of energy consumption. But long-term interest rates have also come down, by almost one percentage point since November 3, when Mr Clinton was elected president. For a family with a mortgage of $100,000, the monthly net savings would amount to $60, three times as much as the monthly extra outlay for the energy tax. The net "Clinton-effect" for this particular family is therefore positive.

The view that there is something to be had for nothing, at least in the very short term, has gained widespread support. The belief in the compensating power of lower long-term interest rates was also a crucial factor behind Mr Clinton's decision to risk a more substantial rise in middle-class taxes than had been thought likely. With interest rates headed downwards, the president has a fighting chance to win the battle for the hearts and minds of the American people.

The something-for-nothing effect indeed raises some interesting aspects of economic policy, not just in America. First, the phenomenon we are witnessing is to a large extent related to the perceived benefit of deficit reductions. Gary Hufbauer, a tax specialist at the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think-tank, estimates that with each dollar cut from the deficit, 20 cents would flow back into the economy.

That means that the return for a deficit reduction programme is an initial 20 per cent, one of the highest returns of any government programme, indeed a most respectable rate for any private-sector investment. In public-sector terms, only a general child vaccination programme is reckoned to yield a greater return on investment, and then only in the long run.

In his State of the Union address last week, Mr Clinton laid out his medium-term deficit reduction strategy, which involves a cut from a projected $325 billion for the present fiscal year, which ends in September, down to just more than $200 billion by 1997. In real terms, and as a proportion of gross domestic product, this would mean a halving of the deficit from a present level of 5.4 per cent to 2.7 per cent. This would be low by international standards — indeed America and Japan would probably be the only countries then to qualify under the budget deficit standards contained in the Maastricht treaty.

America's financial markets have rewarded the president's deficit reduction programme by cutting long-term interest rates. The programme has also received the wholehearted endorsement of Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve. Appointed under a Republican administration, Mr Greenspan did not appear to have had any difficulties with the new economic policy.

To the gall of Republicans, who had thought of Mr Greenspan as a loyal supporter of their cause, the central bank chairman proclaimed that the process of cutting the budget deficit was more important than the way this was to be achieved. In other words: even if one prefers spending cuts to tax increases as a means of reducing the deficit, it is better to pursue the "wrong" policy to the "right" end. American conservatives cringe at such words. Mr Greenspan's support for Clintonomics is crucial, not only because it improves the policy's political chances but also because it secures continued support from financial markets, without which the lunch would not be free.

The Fed has direct control only over short-term interest rates, which are now very low, at just under 3 per cent, while the level of long-term rates is market driven. For the average American family, the long rate matters most because, unlike in Britain, that rate governs most mortgages.

The trouble with this free lunch is that it offers marginally diminishing returns, as the first dollar saved from a budget deficit is more valuable than the next dollar and so on. Hence, even if the lunch were free, it would probably not last. Only a permanent cut in real interest rates would be of lasting benefit.

This policy target has been set out by Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of Mr Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, who told the joint economic committee on Capitol Hill on Monday that it was the administration's aim to cut the rate of real interest rates from 4 per cent in the 1980s to about 3 per cent. Ms Tyson referred to the interest rate savings as "gross dividends" that would accrue to the private sector.

Second, the something-for-nothing effect of the Clinton economics plan affects American household incomes in different measure. American families with large debts — in other words the average American family — will benefit, while those with savings will be worse off. Apart from the fairness aspect, a policy that rewards debts at a time when the general thrust of policy should be to build up savings, appears not entirely consistent.

Finally, the real problem with a something-for-nothing policy is that it depends heavily on market sentiment. So far, American bond markets have been surprisingly buoyant and supportive, and they genuinely appear to believe in the feasibility of the proposed budgetary savings.

Even the stock markets, which are not quite as relevant to the new administration as the bond markets, have reacted generally well, despite the pre-State of the Union 85-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The success of Clintonomics will greatly depend on whether Mr Clinton can deliver the promised cuts, and also on whether the new government spending programmes carry a greater economic return than those they replace. Health-care reform is the most important of these, and Mr Clinton has named his wife, Hillary, as head of the National Health Care Task Force, the aim being to make the system universally available, while cutting costs.

In the pursuit of its economic policy, the administration might want to heed another lesson from the 1980s, apart from the one on the futility of the free lunch: financial markets can prove fair-weather friends, and relying on a market bull run for one's economic policies can be hazardous indeed.

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Helping hand at the birth

THE ICI-Zeneca demerger package unveiled by Sir Denys Henderson yesterday has all the elements of a hard City sell. ICI's all-encompassing provisions will ensure an easy start in life for the two companies. Zeneca has been lumbered with a 27.5p dividend to sweeten its £1.3 billion rights issue, even though the company's earnings will scarcely cover the payout twice.

ICI has decided to try for the largest rights issue it can get away with to ensure Zeneca starts with gearing of 25 per cent and New-ICI with only 15 per cent. On these numbers, the parts look more attractive than the whole, so it is little wonder the City likes the plan.

The next trick that SG Warburg, ICI's merchant banking adviser, must achieve is to value Zeneca's shares before they begin trading. Zeneca's closest comparison on the stock market is SmithKline Beecham, which trades at 17 times historic earnings. Subtract a discount for Zeneca's agrochemicals businesses and for a new issue, and Zeneca should trade on a rating of about 13. Assuming the dilution from the rights is not significant, this implies that Zeneca shares should start trading at about 650p unless the Hillary Clinton factor depresses the sector further.

Zeneca's value in turn implies a starting price of about 500p for New-ICI. At this level, New-ICI's 1994 rating could be as low as 10, providing plenty of scope for enthusiastic investors to chase the stock.

The financial engineering is hard to fault. The nagging question is: why was ICI incapable of achieving all these gains as a unified company, saving the £75 million spent on City and legal fees?

Shell

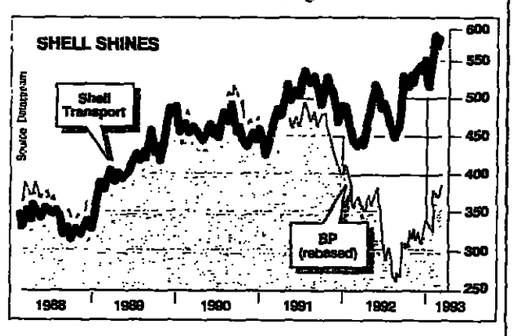
SHELL'S performance is hard to fault in the light of the disasters hitting rivals, but the group should avoid lapsing into smug satisfaction. The return on capital of 9.3 per cent is far from satisfactory, particularly as there seems little prospect of a substantial rise in oil prices.

The most obvious drag on profits is the worsening performance from the chemicals division. Margins in Europe may have improved slightly since last year but volumes are still falling.

Based on a fourth-quarter loss of £183 million, the division could easily lose more than £400 million this year, even assuming there is an upturn in the second half, unless radical action is taken. The benefits of any joint venture with Montecatini will not come through until the end of 1994 at the earliest and Shell should address the losses much sooner.

Elsewhere, Shell gives tantalising glimpses of what it could achieve if it felt under any pressure. The 20 per cent fall in staff numbers in America indicates the benefits the group could reap if it examined its cost base elsewhere.

Shell is unlikely to feel under much pressure, however. The group can gloss over losses in chemicals thanks to rising production. This and the fall in sterling should ensure that earnings and dividends continue to rise ahead of inflation. Investors, who have been so roughly treated in BP's slump, will be more than grateful.



British Gas

ICI may have resolved its demerger, but the prospect of an enforced break-up still casts a shadow over British Gas. Ofgas may claim its actions cause only minor damage but yesterday's results suggest otherwise.

Increased competition in the industrial contract market and tariff reductions accounted for nearly half the £244 million fall in operating profit. Their impact has also been felt further down the profit and loss account through a £195 million provision for restructuring and redundancy payments.

Group operations still generated cash of £2.9 billion, only slightly lower than last year, but the speed with which it flowed out the other side is worrying, even allowing for distortions caused by the change in year end. Capital spending rose to £2.3 billion, despite a £750 million cut from the group's original plans.

If the results are a guide to future profitability, then British Gas cannot afford capital spending on this scale. Nor is the balance sheet as strong as it once was. The dividend has been increased in line with the policy of real dividend growth, but dividend cover looks strained, standing at only 1.1 times after exceptional items. The chairman has said that dividend policy and capital spending may be reviewed, depending on the outcome of the MMC's enquiry. These results suggest they should be re-examined whatever the result.

Royal Insurance

WHEN Royal Insurance begins to talk about profits, it is a sure sign that the insurance cycle is truly on the mend. Royal's figures contained many promising items: underwriting losses from domestic mortgage indemnity business fell 38 per cent to £160 million and could be as low as £90 million this year. After the issue of the £100 million bond, more than a third of the group's debt has a maturity of more ten years.

Even the unpleasant surprises which one expects from Royal's results are growing smaller. The £29 million property write-down at Royal Life Canada is unwelcome but not significant.

With higher premiums working through the pipeline, the group may one day even cover its dividend. The market still has its doubts. Royal is the only composite insurer still trading on a discount to net assets.

Spurs

GAZZA may have delighted Tottenham Hotspur fans with his on-field skills, but the star player's £5.4 million transfer to the Italian club Lazio was the biggest contributor to Tottenham's 300 per cent rise in pre-tax profits. Profit at the trading level fell 6 per cent.

Although recession has hit ground attendances, future revenue prospects look encouraging. The club has more home fixtures in the second half and has reached the quarter finals of the FA Cup. The Premier League should also offer further financial benefits as it becomes more established. Whether these will be enough to provide sustainable long-term growth and further dividend payments is unclear.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Cadbury pops up for award

VIVID images of household brand names, indebted more to the neon-bright pop artistry of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein than to the traditionally staid respectability associated with the design of company annual reports, helped Cadbury Schweppes pick up this year's annual Stock Exchange and Institute of Chartered Accountants Award for published accounts. The judges praised Cadbury for its "crisp mission statement and design which shouts out to you what the company is about". Of course, Cadbury's award had nothing to do with the fact that Sir Adrian Cadbury, its former chairman and chief executive, is now chairman of the committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance. Sir Graham Day, Cadbury's chairman, was at pains to explain that Sir Adrian, who gave yesterday's address at the Guildhall, was not on the judging panel. But John Foley, managing director of Triplex Lloyd, which picked up top honours in the small companies category, bemoaned the fact: "Preceded by the present Cadbury chairman and followed by the former Cadbury chairman, my children will be very disappointed that my award is not edible."

Dropped 'h'

BRITISH Gas claims to have increased its capital spending to £1.8 billion last year. However, under growing pressure from Sir James McKinnon, the regulator, it seems there is precious little money left over for frills. The company's results presentation was winding to a close yesterday when the eight-inch tall "h" of the company's name parted company with the backdrop. Although startled, Robert Evans, the chairman, was right on queue. "Times are hard and the squeeze is on," he declared with a shrug.

Floating jails

THE FLOTATION three years ago of Intrum Justitia, Europe's leading debt collector, did not go unnoticed by students of the history of forcible detention. As *The Times* observed at the time, Justitia was an appropriate name for the Swedish-owned company. After all, it was the same name borne by an infamous hulk (a mastless former ship of the line) that was moored on the Thames last century to house overspill from London's jails. How apt that Bo Görenson, the chief executive of Intrum Justitia, has decided to enter a company boat in the Whitbread Round the World Race. After the sailing is over, the vessel could be demasted, moored near the Tower and turned into a model prison for City fraudsters.



"He calls me Zeneca since we decided to split up"

SIR Denys Henderson, ICI chairman, is clearly a bit worried about the recession. His anxieties surfaced at an inopportune moment during the ICI demerger presentation yesterday, when he said that both the new companies should do better in 1933 than in 1992. He assured journalists: "That was a Freudian slip, I think, about the depression in the thirties."

Price of diplomacy

POST-WAR historians obsessed by Britain's fabled "special relationship" with America might find some currency in tracing the rather less advantageous relationship between the pound and dollar. On March 5, 1946, when Churchill delivered his iron curtain speech in Missouri, sterling was worth $4.03. On August 31, 1959, when Macmillan and Eisenhower appeared together on BBC television, the pound stood at $2.80. In April, 1982, when Reagan declared his support for Thatcher during the Falklands War, the pound languished at $1.79. As Clinton and Major cemented their special closeness at the White House, sterling had plunged to a new low of $1.43. A bit more diplomatic success and, who knows, one dollar?

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTER

Moving towards a survival culture on small firms can only be for the better

From Mr Andrew Irvin

Sir, From the number of articles and reports published recently contributing to the debate on financing in the smaller business sector, is it possible to detect a sea change in attitude of both the banks and the insolvency profession away from the cosy relationship previously prevalent and towards a "survival culture"? If so, it can only be for the better.

Both establishments will throw up their hands and protest that they already have such an attitude, but I believe that more can and should be done, especially in this smaller company sector. A number of items of research have been carried out into what size of business is most prone to failure and it is widely accepted that there are particular stages as a company grows and develops when it is most vulnerable. It is as they encounter these hurdles that companies could most benefit from the "survival culture" approach: a concerted effort needs to be made to identify such businesses and to assist them before they hit trouble. There are a number of possible improvements that can be made, but I would like to highlight just three.

First, while the Cadbury report dealt with the need for independent non-executive directors in publicly quoted companies, its findings and recommendations are equally valid for private companies and perhaps especially for the smaller company, which often relies on the abilities of one individual whose skills are not necessarily in finance: the assistance that appropriately qualified and experienced businessmen and non-executive directors (for modest fees) could bring to smaller companies should not be overlooked and their appointment should be very much encouraged.

Second, much more effort should be put into promoting a two-way dialogue at a local level between the banks and the euphemistically named corporate recovery departments of the accountancy firms on the one hand and the small business community on the other, either through the Chambers of Commerce or the Training and Enterprise Councils, in particular promoting the ideas of business financial health checks and the need for quality financial management information in order to effectively manage one's business and maintain a good relationship with the bank.

Finally, if and when seemingly insurmountable financial difficulties are encountered, much greater use should be made of corporate voluntary arrangements to nurse companies back to health. It must clearly be the case that those individuals who grew the company in its initial stages are best placed, with their knowledge of its products, customers and suppliers, to assist in turning it round under the supervision of a qualified insolvency practitioner.

Perhaps the wider application of these ideas might save some businesses and, thereby jobs, that would otherwise have been consigned to the dustbin of history.

Yours faithfully,
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Global Bond	29.94	31.77	+ 0.18	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.70	54.22	- 0.04	4.52
-do- Inc	37.16	39.74†	- 0.03	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.88	88.64	+ 0.35	1.81
-do- Inc	76.65	81.98	+ 0.32	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	58.07	62.11	+ 1.81	...
-do- Inc	56.99	60.95†	+ 1.78	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.65	103.37	+ 0.92	1.78
-do- Inc	95.76	102.42	+ 0.92	1.78
Mngd P folio	33.98	36.34	+ 0.37	1.54
Pacific Growth	89.72	95.96	+ 0.46	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.02	90.94	+ 0.88	1.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	110.60	117.80†	+ 0.80	3.77
Smaller Cos Acc	266.10	283.40	+ 1.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	155.80	166.00	+ 0.80	1.39
High Inc	71.54	76.55	+ 0.06	7.21
Income	123.30	131.90	+ 0.10	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	90.45	96.33†	+ 0.80	2.16
-do- Acc	170.80	181.90	+ 1.50	...
North American	106.60	113.50	+ 2.60	0.19
Orient	101.00	108.70	+ 0.60	...
Recovery	36.58	39.32	- 0.03	3.00
German	43.16	46.26	- 0.12	0.09
Intl Growth	32.69	34.81	+ 0.40	0.23
European Inc	23.04	24.81	+ 0.15	0.45
Conv General	19.42	20.78	- 0.05	8.03

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542.
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	63.60	67.67	+ 0.08	1.00
-do- Acc	70.92	75.45	+ 0.08	1.00
Income Fund 5	205.30	218.50	- 0.60	4.16
-do- Acc	466.80	496.70	- 1.40	4.16
Inv Portfolio	65.48	67.86†	+ 0.07	2.15
-do- Acc	73.94	76.63†	+ 0.08	2.15
Smaller Cos	117.50	125.00	- 0.20	2.01
-do- Acc	141.10	150.20	- 0.20	2.01
High Inc F folio	57.80	59.90	- 0.11	4.87

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sbt Gilt Fxd Int	69.52	70.45	- 0.04	6.67

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH.
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	133.20	141.80	+ 0.30	1.73
UK Growth	141.00	150.10†	- 0.30	2.42
UK Income	120.70	128.50	+ 0.10	4.52

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB.
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	81.92	87.63	+ 1.00	1.06
Growth	43.41	46.43†	- 0.04	3.08
Income	51.34	54.91†	- 0.04	4.43
Far East	42.56	45.52	+ 0.23	0.17
North American	80.61	86.68	+ 3.83	0.01
Global	81.96	87.66	+ 1.76	0.69
European	70.02	74.87	+ 0.52	2.25
Japan	89.29	95.50	+ 0.50	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.29	64.94	+ 0.27	4.86
UK Cap Gwth	76.22	81.52	- 0.19	2.08

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF.
Enquiries: 061 236 5685.
Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.90	140.30	+ 3.30	0.06
-do- Acc	140.20	149.10	+ 3.50	0.06
European	67.10	71.07	+ 0.53	1.06
-do- Acc	69.55	73.67	+ 0.56	1.06
Far East Gen	50.12	53.32	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	50.12	53.32	+ 0.10	...
Glenfriars	243.10	258.70	+ 2.70	1.31
-do- Acc	273.00	290.50	+ 3.00	1.31
Growth	366.90	392.50	...	2.59
-do- Acc	628.90	672.70	+ 0.10	2.59
Income Growth	358.70	381.70†	- 0.50	4.15
-do- Acc	477.00	507.50	- 0.70	4.15
Master Portfolio	9287.0	9598.0†	+34.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10697.0	11056.0	+39.00	2.86
Special Sits	83.48	88.81†	- 0.69	2.57
-do- Acc	97.71	103.95	- 0.80	2.57
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1156.0	1192.0	- 2.00	4.69
-do- Acc	1338.0	1380.0	- 2.00	4.69

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU.
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	198.60	211.50†	+ 4.20	1.72
Capital	518.50	553.30	- 0.70	2.54
Eurotrack 100	130.80	139.00†	+ 1.50	1.72
Euro Gth	80.61	85.81	+ 0.83	1.44
Far East Growth	*81.62*	*87.10*	*- 0.50*	*0.10*
Global Bond	23.83	25.11†	+ 0.03	6.87
Hong Kong	75.05	80.09	+ 0.90	0.60
Income	491.10	526.10	- 0.50	4.78
Intl Growth	71.85	76.68	+ 0.77	1.06
Japan Growth	209.80	223.60	+ 0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.62	28.40†	- 0.09	...
Japan Index	62.80	67.02†	+ 0.29	0.30
Nth American	428.40	457.20	+ 5.60	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	51.54	55.00	+ 0.50	...
The Foorsie Fd	104.60	110.40	- 0.10	2.84
Tiger Index	138.40	147.60	+ 1.00	0.72
Trixie Index	98.39	105.00†	- 0.20	2.92
UK Index	118.90	126.80†	...	3.40

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH.
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	84.48	90.25	+ 0.82	1.00
European P folio	72.42	76.94	- 0.02	1.38
Japanese P folio	51.27	54.43	+ 0.35	...
Pacific P folio	92.31	99.26	+ 0.92	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.41	73.17	+ 0.12	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.21	65.65	+ 0.07	5.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.00	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.26	66.54	...	2.47
Beckman Intl	82.81	87.43	...	3.24
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222.
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	*111.02*	*118.11*	*+ 3.81*	...
European Gth	95.00	101.06	- 0.07	1.27
Far East Gth	95.85	101.97	+ 1.12	0.30
Japan Gth Acc	33.93	36.10	+ 0.07	...
Managed	60.37	64.22	+ 0.19	3.06
-do- Acc	72.91	77.56	+ 0.23	3.06
Mthly Inc Plus	47.32	50.34	...	8.53
Smaller Cos	31.78	33.81†	- 0.01	2.16
-do- Acc	35.77	38.05	- 0.02	2.16
UK General	66.25	70.48	- 0.01	2.83
-do- Acc	79.42	84.49	- 0.02	2.83
Wwide Bd	66.46	70.70	+ 0.15	6.19
-do- Acc	83.28	88.59	+ 0.20	6.19
Wwide Sp Sits	53.74	57.48†	+ 0.62	0.26
-do- Acc	55.99	59.88	+ 0.65	0.26
Quilter General	119.38	127.00	- 0.05	2.56
-do- Acc	131.40	139.79	- 0.06	2.56
Quilter Income	89.71	95.44†	- 0.17	4.70
-do- Acc	110.56	117.62	- 0.22	4.70
Quilter Intl	124.23	132.16	+ 1.55	0.44
-do- Acc	125.94	133.98	+ 1.56	0.44
Quilter UK Spec	67.75	72.07	- 0.05	2.56
-do- Acc	89.64	95.36	- 0.06	2.56
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.49	103.71	- 0.47	1.87
Fixed Conv	40.12	42.68†	- 0.57	8.26
-do- Acc	104.66	111.34	- 1.51	8.26
Equity Inc	138.65	147.50†	- 0.26	4.22
-do- Acc	445.83	474.29	- 0.81	4.22
High Yield	115.48	122.85	- 0.32	5.29
-do- Acc	432.23	459.82	- 1.16	5.29
Preference	46.97	49.97†	+ 0.08	7.91
-do- Acc	237.90	253.08	+ 0.39	7.91
PPT Europe	150.74	160.36	+ 1.32	0.56
PPT Global Bnd	85.46	90.92	+ 0.20	4.83
PPT Gold Cmn	50.41	53.63	+ 0.34	...
PPT Thai	58.48	62.21	+ 0.01	...
PPT Hong Kong	98.95	105.27	+ 1.11	0.40
PPT Japan	93.41	99.37	+ 0.05	...
PPT N Amer	152.92	162.68	+ 3.43	...
PPT S'pore Mly	101.19	107.65	+ 1.57	...
PPT UK	111.97	119.12	- 0.05	1.57
PPT Cash	91.07	91.07	+ 0.01	6.29

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ.
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	78.34	83.34	+ 0.90	0.95
Japanese Acc	48.77	51.88	+ 0.37	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.30	129.00	...	2.60
-do- Acc	141.70	150.70	+ 0.10	2.60
UK Growth Acc	201.40	214.30	+ 0.10	2.25
UK High Inc	129.80	138.10	+ 0.50	6.86
-do- Acc	153.30	163.10	+ 0.60	6.88
N America Acc	114.00	121.30	+ 3.20	0.32
European Acc	153.00	162.80	+ 1.60	0.43
UK Pref P/I Inc	60.08	63.77	- 0.32	8.86
-do- Acc	96.97	102.90	- 0.50	8.86
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.92	48.85	+ 0.80	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.56	75.06	- 0.13	1.48

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	115.60	122.80	+ 2.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	180.20	191.50	- 0.30	1.31
Euroland	38.08	40.25	- 0.21	0.99
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.50	- 0.30	3.08
Growth Inc	206.80	219.70	- 0.30	4.10
High Dist	134.40	142.80	- 0.30	6.06
International	312.10	331.60	+ 0.40	0.98
Intl Income	*81.03*	*86.50*	*+ 0.59*	*9.81*
Pacific	57.68	61.25	- 0.02	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	56.54	60.07	+ 0.02	...
Tokyo	164.90	174.90	+ 0.50	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Exempt	91.97	94.49	+ 0.19	0.53
Sm Jap Exempt	467.80	480.60	+ 5.30	0.10

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU.
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	167.70	178.40	+ 2.80	1.06

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW.
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	102.17	107.53	+ 0.35	3.63
High Income	116.82	122.97	+ 0.15	5.28
Tst of Inv Tsts	137.73	144.98†	- 0.11	2.22
Special Sits	81.64	85.94	- 0.19	3.36
North American	106.02	111.60	+ 1.68	0.99
Far Eastern	216.64	228.04	+ 0.14	1.52
Intl Growth	90.24	94.99	+ 0.10	1.45
European	63.81	67.17	- 0.09	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.31	72.96	+ 0.02	2.28

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	220.60	234.10	+ 4.10	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	110.80	117.90	+ 0.50	...

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	94.31	99.83	+ 0.96	0.87
Far Eastern	*118.70*	*127.00*	*+ 1.10*	...
Oseas Income	89.80	96.38	+ 1.35	2.66
UK Growth	89.40	95.61†	+ 0.11	1.73
UK Income	98.74	105.60	- 0.30	3.92
US Smaller Cos	230.60	246.60	- 3.80	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT.
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	412.20	440.80	+ 9.80	...
-do- Acc	421.10	450.30	+10.00	...
Capital	280.20	298.00	- 0.20	2.19
-do- Acc	386.70	411.30	- 0.40	2.19
Cond Smllr Cos	46.69	50.27	+ 0.13	1.31
-do- Acc	48.31	52.01	+ 0.13	1.31
Convertible	107.30	114.10	- 0.20	6.62
-do- Acc	198.70	211.30	- 0.40	6.62
European	98.22	105.00	+ 0.60	0.92
-do- Acc	101.50	108.50	+ 0.60	0.92
Extra Income	279.20	296.90†	+ 0.20	4.54
-do- Acc	391.00	415.90†	+ 0.40	4.54
Financial	104.80	112.90	+ 1.70	0.59
-do- Acc	109.10	117.50	+ 1.80	0.59
Health Fund Inc	112.20	119.80	+ 5.00	...
-do- Acc	112.20	119.80	+ 5.00	...
Income Tst	170.20	181.00	+ 0.10	4.25
-do- Acc	237.30	252.40	+ 0.20	4.25
Intl Growth	301.40	322.00	+ 6.40	...
-do- Acc	334.70	357.50	+ 7.10	...
Japan Gen	*140.10*	*150.20*	*+ 1.10*	...
-do- Acc	141.50	151.70	+ 1.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.99	93.67	+ 0.36	1.07
-do- Acc	91.90	96.73	+ 0.38	1.07
Monthly Income	142.10	151.10	+ 0.20	4.64
Recovery	283.50	303.10†	- 3.70	0.67
-do- Acc	332.00	355.00†	- 4.30	0.67
Gilt Gth Tst	61.52	63.44	- 0.23	6.93
-do- Acc	77.24	79.64	- 0.29	6.93

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH.
Dealing: 0722 411411.
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	337.88	359.45	+ 0.06	3.03
-do- Acc	682.22	725.77	+ 0.13	3.03
Euro Gth Dist	105.63	112.37†	+ 1.39	1.00
-do- Acc	108.78	115.72†	+ 1.42	1.00
Fixed Int Dist	130.44	137.97	- 0.32	6.60
-do- Acc	216.49	228.99	- 0.55	6.60
Intl Gth Dist	74.00	78.72	+ 0.98	0.84
-do- Acc	76.54	81.43	+ 1.02	0.84
Nth Amer Dist	169.62	179.83†	+ 4.11	0.81
-do- Acc	183.94	195.02†	+ 4.45	0.81
Pac Basin Dist	224.86	239.21†	+ 2.27	0.35
-do- Acc	228.40	242.98†	+ 2.30	0.35
Stewardship Dist	288.77	307.20	- 0.22	1.97
-do- Acc	341.64	363.45	- 0.25	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	59.91	63.73†	- 0.12	3.94
-do- Acc	*73.50*	*78.19†*	*+ 0.14*	*3.94*
N Am Stwd Dist	97.80	104.04†	+ 2.57	0.08
-do- Acc	103.46	110.06†	+ 2.72	0.08

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	131.80	141.00	+ 3.80	...
European	401.30	425.30	+ 2.80	0.93
Far East General	197.60	211.40	+ 1.00	0.31
Germany	99.35	105.20	+ 0.30	0.39
Global Assets In	65.71	70.17	+ 0.36	2.19
Global Assets Ac	68.85	73.52	+ 0.38	2.16
Income Inc	109.70	117.40	- 0.20	7.18
International	250.90	268.40	+ 1.70	0.97
Intl Income	77.26	81.95	+ 0.53	4.50
Japan General	314.70	333.60	+ 0.80	...
Smlr Cos Div	44.47	47.57	- 0.19	6.38
UK Capital Inc	149.00	159.40†	- 0.10	4.13
-do- Acc	254.80	272.60	- 0.20	4.03
Uk Spec Sits	69.27	74.09	- 0.10	1.68
US General	112.30	119.70	+ 3.50	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	110.80	118.50	+ 0.60	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212.
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.73	44.63†	- 0.05	1.30
Cash Trust*	127.44	127.44†	+ 0.01	5.21
Pract Inv Inc	100.64	107.09†	+ 0.40	4.09
-do- Acc	214.87	230.42	+ 0.88	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	95.54	102.46	- 0.08	1.62
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.92	26.65†	...	8.29
High Inc	30.11	32.20†	- 0.37	5.59
UK Equity Inc	122.73	131.28†	- 0.38	4.31
Global Bond	30.62	31.74	+ 0.14	5.42
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.61	70.36	+ 0.75	1.66
Frontier Markets	41.33	44.32	+ 0.51	0.27
Global Inc Gth	120.50	128.70	+ 0.94	2.73
UK Intl	108.04	115.55	- 0.14	0.74
Overseas Funds				
American	130.03	138.91	+ 3.31	0.60
European	81.95	86.91†	+ 0.63	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	94.65	100.65†	+ 0.71	1.25
American Emerg	75.92	81.42	+ 2.26	...
Hong Kong	106.48	114.19†	+ 1.63	1.92
Japan	169.36	180.18	+ 0.46	...
Pacific Growth	142.91	153.26	+ 1.40	0.50

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979.
Dealing: 071 588 8526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	119.58	127.89	+ 1.33	0.98
American Gth	119.29	127.58	+ 3.57	0.35
European Gth	69.67	74.52	+ 0.85	0.82
German Hrzn	48.79	52.04	+ 0.55	0.92
Japan Gth	63.42	67.82	+ 0.45	...
Pacific Inc	127.68	136.56	+ 1.22	3.22
Pacific Strategy	104.67	111.95	+ 0.93	...
UK Prog Inc	71.31	75.21	+ 0.06	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.86	49.41	+ 0.03	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.67	46.71	- 0.22	2.60

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE.
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.10	130.10	...	5.27
Gilt Fixed	117.50	124.70†	- 0.50	6.74
Growth Equity	274.50	293.20	- 0.60	2.33
Guardhill	406.40	434.10†	- 0.80	2.66

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	101.00	107.90	+ 0.10	3.92
International	150.70	161.00	+ 1.60	0.32
Japan Trust	102.20	109.10†	+ 0.70	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	257.80	275.50	+ 6.50	0.36
Pacific	333.50	356.30	+ 3.40	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	338.00	361.10	+ 0.80	0.63

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 606, Edinburgh EH15 1EW.
0800 838568

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	33.68	35.71†	+ 0.20	1.81
-do- Acc	35.27	37.39	+ 0.20	1.81
Inc Adv Inc	28.76	30.49	...	4.31
-do- Acc	29.65	31.43	...	4.31

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries: 0277 227300.
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.53	75.55	+ 1.25	0.75
Equity Income	107.00	113.80†	- 0.20	3.76
European	134.70	142.40	+ 0.60	1.49
Intl Situation	72.15	76.76	+ 0.53	...
Japanese	114.40	121.70	+ 0.80	...
North American	103.60	109.90	+ 3.30	0.05
Scandinavian	102.50	108.20	- 0.70	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.76	30.60†	+ 0.40	2.39

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XL.
Enquiries: 0277 227300.
Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	87.46	93.53	+ 2.78	...
Asian Enterprise	118.99	127.38	+ 1.59	0.83
Australian	129.86	138.83	+ 0.28	1.38
European	360.35	381.76	+ 2.81	0.98
European Inc	68.84	72.83†	+ 0.52	3.05
Euro Smal Co	120.28	128.40	+ 0.28	0.80
Extra Income	251.34	267.56	- 0.40	5.43
Family of Funds	66.03	70.51†	- 0.12	1.27
Fixed Interest	55.73	59.59	- 0.05	9.40
Global Resour	81.66	87.67†	- 0.55	1.52
High Inc	269.42	288.00†	+ 0.19	4.68
Income Gth	225.73	240.40	- 0.12	3.95
-do- Acc	568.05	604.97	- 0.30	3.95
International	220.58	234.81	+ 3.23	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	189.37	201.29	+ 0.66	...
Japan	161.76	171.92†	+ 0.94	...
N Amer	229.69	244.46†	+ 7.17	0.14
Pacific Smllr Cos	162.57	175.05	+ 1.44	0.87
Pref Gilt	46.10	50.10†	- 0.06	9.29
Smaller Cos Div	154.21	168.07†	- 0.06	4.39
Special Sits	244.44	261.54†	- 0.90	1.51
-do- Acc	375.61	401.89†	- 1.38	1.51
Best of British	54.04	57.93	+ 0.07	2.45
Spirit of the East	53.70	57.28	+ 0.60	0.74

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	84.32	90.18	...	2.36
Capital	148.30	158.60†	...	2.08
Dollar	302.40	323.40	...	0.39
European	189.60	202.70	...	0.57
Far East	227.10	242.80	...	0.63
Financial	631.80	675.70	...	2.65
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.91	26.91†	...	8.07
High Yield	96.59	103.30	...	5.23
Income	129.00	137.90	...	3.65
Intl	203.10	217.20†	...	0.52
Japan Tech	54.48	58.26†	...	...
Nat Resources	55.92	59.80	...	0.90
Security	282.30	301.90	...	2.21
Smaller Cos	101.80	108.80	...	1.80
Special Sits	127.70	136.50†	...	2.39
US Smaller Cos	61.16	65.41	...	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN.
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	244.80	257.70	- 0.30	1.40
Capital Gwth	101.30	106.60	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	122.60	129.10	...	0.73

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR.
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	*22.10*	*24.30†*	*+ 0.01*	*1.74*
Special Features	25.88	27.49	- 0.03	1.67
-do- Acc	30.35	32.24	- 0.03	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.48	54.09	+ 0.11	2.41
Assets Earnings	67.44	71.65†	+ 0.12	2.08
do Acc	79.38	84.34†	+ 0.13	2.08
Managed Invest	80.79	85.93†	+ 0.57	1.39
Expert Children	73.06	77.88	+ 0.07	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.01	5.01
Extra Inc	76.17	81.60†	+ 0.11	5.66
Gilt	27.67	29.12	- 0.20	7.07
Income Gth	36.84	39.41	- 0.02	3.76
MIMstar	76.27	78.16	- 0.04	8.61
Preference	17.65	19.32†	+ 0.08	6.84
UK Income	296.30	316.80	...	3.45
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.19	55.45	+ 0.28	1.54
Property Shares	56.27	59.78	+ 0.31	2.32
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	135.20	142.20	+ 0.20	4.53
European Acc	110.20	116.90	+ 0.80	2.04
European Dist	104.90	111.20	+ 0.70	2.04
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.60	52.75	+ 0.97	1.06
European Perf	107.10	113.70	+ 1.00	1.32
-do- Acc	109.20	115.90	+ 1.10	1.32
Euro Small Cos	20.30	21.65	+ 0.15	0.82
French Growth	68.70	73.20†	+ 0.36	0.58
-do- Acc	73.22	78.02†	+ 0.39	0.58
Hong K/China	66.13	71.08†	+ 1.37	1.32
Intl Growth	48.47	51.49	+ 0.53	0.86
-do- Acc	48.47	51.49	+ 0.53	0.86
Japan Perf	26.36	27.98	+ 0.04	...
Accum Units	26.36	27.98	+ 0.04	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.61	30.39	- 0.04	...
Singapore Asean	72.17	78.27	+ 1.39	0.57
-do- Acc	72.62	78.76	+ 1.41	0.57
South East Asia	213.20	230.00	+ 4.00	0.96
US Smllr Cos	108.10	114.80	+ 2.20	...
-do- Acc	109.30	116.10	+ 2.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.06	87.42	+ 0.83	2.77
Intl Bond	58.00	58.75†	+ 0.47	6.63

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3.
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.72	69.06†	+ 0.01	5.65
Extra Income	50.25	53.46	- 0.60	7.20
Gilt Yield	119.40	125.90	- 0.30	7.05
Global Income	189.80	201.80†	- 1.59	4.23
High Yield	128.30	136.50†	+ 0.90	6.42
Smllr Cos Div	43.66	46.45†	- 0.02	5.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.79	96.59	+ 1.82	...
North American	77.14	82.06	+ 2.11	0.43
European	130.20	138.50	+ 0.90	0.91
Euro Special	78.22	83.21	+ 0.44	1.00
General	254.90	271.20†	+ 0.20	3.51
Japan	325.20	346.00	+ 0.70	...
Japanese Special	178.00	189.40	+ 0.80	...
Master Acc	209.50	222.90	+ 1.50	1.48
Pacific	244.50	260.10	+ 1.50	0.51
Smaller Cos	92.64	98.55	- 0.05	2.34
UK Equity Gth	32.55	34.63†	- 0.06	2.86

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB.
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	72.76	77.40	+ 0.60	0.72
Extra Income	23.19	24.67	- 0.05	3.56

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	23.49	24.99	+ 0.30	0.99
Income Gwth	69.67	74.12†	- 0.76	3.12
Intl Growth	48.92	52.04	+ 0.67	1.03
Japan	52.12	55.45†	+ 0.34	...
Maximum Dist*	100.90	102.50†	- 0.10	8.15
N Amer Equity	40.69	43.29	+ 1.31	0.50
UK Equity	83.11	88.42	- 0.11	3.00

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.31	54.59†	...	4.87

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex.
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	410.00	436.20	- 0.30	3.02
Equity Acc	772.20	821.50	- 0.30	3.02
Equity Income	87.73	93.33†	- 0.09	5.20
European	95.60	101.70†	+ 1.10	1.68
Far Eastern	163.30	173.70	+ 2.50	0.33
Fixed Interest	50.58	53.81	- 0.08	8.00
Gilt	91.01	96.51	- 0.20	6.80
Global Growth	63.22	67.25	+ 1.34	0.77
Intl Bond	58.26	61.98†	+ 0.33	5.40
Japanese	56.38	59.98	+ 0.37	...
Overseas Equity	91.66	97.51	+ 2.19	0.81
Pacific Gth	81.34	86.53	+ 2.01	1.20

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF.
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	306.90	326.90	- 0.20	3.15
-do- Acc	664.50	707.00	- 0.60	3.15
Contl Euro Gth	51.31	54.02	+ 0.55	1.37
-do- Acc	54.26	57.12	+ 0.58	1.37
Extra Inc	231.70	246.50	+ 0.10	4.17
-do- Acc	563.50	599.50	+ 0.20	4.17
German Gth	102.30	107.70	- 0.90	0.20
-do- Acc	109.30	113.00	+ 1.00	0.20
Growth Port	472.10	502.30	+ 0.60	1.56
-do- Acc	472.10	502.30	+ 0.60	1.56
Income	432.40	460.10	+ 0.10	3.96
-do- Acc	1096.0	1166.0	...	3.96
Income Port	478.70	508.30	- 1.20	3.51
-do- Acc	478.70	508.30	- 1.20	3.51
Japan Growth	76.96	81.88	+ 0.36	0.01
-do- Acc	77.22	82.15	+ 0.35	0.01
Master Trust	50.51	53.74	+ 0.20	1.39
-do- Acc	54.94	58.45	+ 0.22	1.39
N American Gen	184.50	196.30	+ 5.50	0.01
-do- Acc	213.10	226.80	+ 7.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	131.90	140.40	+ 2.40	0.01
-do- Acc	134.60	143.20	+ 2.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	191.10	203.30	- 2.50	0.56
-do- Acc	201.90	214.80	- 2.70	0.56
Small Cos Rec	286.69	301.70	- 0.20	2.47
-do- Acc	369.60	389.10	- 0.30	2.47
UK Growth	76.54	81.43	- 0.07	2.51
-do- Acc	89.25	94.95	- 0.08	2.51
Worldwide Gth	268.10	285.30	+ 4.80	0.32
-do- Acc	395.10	420.40	+ 7.20	0.32

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS.
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	74.78	80.24	+ 0.07	3.10
Income	58.56	62.83	+ 0.06	6.00
International	54.00	57.94	+ 0.82	0.80
American	60.01	64.39	+ 1.75	0.30
Japan	40.98	43.97	+ 0.31	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.71	56.56	+ 0.13	2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	394.50	417.00†	+10.50	0.91
-do- Acc	486.80	514.50	+12.90	0.91
American Rec	407.00	430.40	+12.30	0.54
-do- Acc	465.70	492.40	+14.00	0.54
Am Sm Co Acc	116.20	124.40	+ 3.60	0.12
Australia Acc	139.20	147.30	+ 2.40	1.67
Capital	600.60	635.10†	+ 4.30	3.26
-do- Acc	662.70	700.80	+ 4.70	3.26
Commodity Acc	383.30	407.40	+ 3.60	1.35
Compnd Gth	772.30	816.70	+ 2.50	3.41
Dividend	32.40	34.70	+ 0.30	4.86
-do- Acc	126.00	134.90	+ 0.80	4.86
Equity Inc	274.40	290.20†	+ 0.10	3.71
European Div	57.00	60.90†	+ 0.70	3.02
-do- Acc	64.40	68.80	+ 0.70	3.02
European Gen	*379.30*	*401.10*	*+ 3.10*	*1.54*
-do- Acc	473.80	501.00	+ 3.80	1.54
Extra Yield	344.40	366.50	+ 1.50	4.97
-do- Acc	989.90	1059.1	+ 4.50	4.97
Far Eastern	266.30	281.60†	+ 6.10	1.45
-do- Acc	350.30	370.40	+ 8.00	1.45
Fund of Inv	479.50	507.50	+ 1.40	2.50
-do- Acc	866.00	915.80	+ 2.60	2.50
General	50.50	53.40	+ 0.10	4.06
-do- Acc	133.00	140.60	+ 0.20	4.06
Gilt Fxd Int	61.50	61.50†	- 0.10	8.84
do Acc	151.80	151.90	- 0.30	8.84
Gold	37.60	39.80†	+ 0.60	2.05
-do- Acc	44.00	46.60	+ 0.80	2.05
High Inc	23.10	24.40	+ 0.10	5.18
-do- Acc	85.60	90.50	+ 0.50	5.18
Intl Growth	65.50	69.40†	+ 1.00	1.19
-do- Acc	113.00	119.70	+ 1.80	1.19
Intl Inc	90.00	95.20	+ 1.60	5.27
Japan Gen Acc	41.20	43.50	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	118.30	125.20	+ 0.80	...
Midland	48.40	51.80	- 0.50	4.66
-do- Acc	153.10	163.90	- 1.40	4.66
Recovery	33.20	35.50	+ 0.10	3.54
-do- Acc	52.20	55.80	+ 0.20	3.54
Second Gen	56.90	60.20	+ 0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	139.10	147.10	+ 0.20	4.00
Smaller Cos	55.30	58.50†	- 0.10	3.81
-do- Acc	104.80	110.90	- 0.20	3.81
Trustee	36.00	38.10	+ 0.20	4.39
Charibond 3	£110.80	...‡	- 0.10	9.73
Charifund 2	593.00	599.00†	+ 0.60	5.34
Pension ex 1	825.10	845.80	+ 3.40	4.69
NAACIF Inc 3	344.75	...‡	- 0.30	7.96
-do- Acc 3	£1054.7	...	- 4.50	7.96

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG.
0244 688866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	129.50	138.50†	+ 0.29	2.63
-do- Acc	143.80	153.80†	+ 0.29	2.63
UK Income	105.90	113.20†	...	3.25
-do- Acc	118.10	126.30†	...	3.25

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	76.38	81.68†	+ 1.10	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	123.00	130.50	+ 1.60	0.78
Income Growth	68.24	72.44†	- 0.96	4.47
European	65.07	69.07†	+ 0.22	2.00
Nth American	58.05	61.60	+ 1.68	1.18
UK Growth	73.62	78.15	+ 0.21	1.51
Intl Growth	86.81	92.15	+ 1.14	0.74
Charities	103.70	110.00†	...	4.79
Intl Income	64.16	68.11	+ 0.36	4.45
Japan	41.37	43.91	+ 0.36	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	190.90	202.60	+ 5.20	...
-do- Acc	204.00	216.60	+ 5.60	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	6.00
-do- Acc	128.00	128.00	...	6.00
European Gth	192.00	203.70	+ 1.80	0.34
-do- Acc	205.50	218.00	+ 1.90	0.34
General	440.80	470.20	+ 0.70	2.76
-do- Acc	826.40	881.50	+ 1.20	2.76
Global Dist	136.50	143.40	+ 0.50	5.43
-do- Acc	149.60	157.10	+ 0.50	5.43
Income	131.00	139.80†	+ 0.10	5.21
-do- Acc	191.90	204.70†	+ 0.20	5.21
International	363.60	387.80	+ 6.30	0.96
-do- Acc	482.30	514.30	+ 8.20	0.96

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	152.10	161.30†	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	156.10	165.60†	+ 0.50	...
New Europe	130.60	139.40†	+ 0.80	1.43
-do- Acc	132.70	141.40†	+ 0.80	1.43
Recovery	274.00	292.30	- 0.40	2.40
-do- Acc	342.20	365.10	- 0.70	2.40
European Inc	74.16	78.61	+ 0.80	2.99
-do- Acc	94.08	99.72	+ 1.00	2.99
Brit Blue Chip	69.08	73.59	+ 0.14	3.75
-do- Acc	80.89	86.17	+ 0.16	3.75
Portfolio	71.58	76.10	+ 0.31	3.14
-do- Acc	80.21	85.28	+ 0.35	3.14
Gold General	65.44	69.81	+ 0.74	3.48
-do- Acc	66.34	70.77	+ 0.75	3.48
Pacific	86.39	92.15	+ 1.48	0.54
-do- Acc	91.32	97.41	+ 1.56	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	48.45	51.68	+ 0.81	1.11
-do- Acc	53.86	57.46	+ 0.89	1.11

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD.
Dealing: 0742 528 280
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.21	60.12	+ 0.10	3.41
-do- Acc	56.21	60.12	+ 0.10	3.41
British Dist	73.28	78.37†	- 0.70	2.38
-do- Acc	82.90	88.66	- 0.80	2.38
European Gth	166.00	177.10	+ 0.90	0.21
-do- Acc	208.40	222.30	+ 1.20	0.21
Extra High Inc	66.94	71.59	- 0.09	6.62
-do- Acc	116.30	124.40	- 0.20	6.62
FT-SE 100 Index	46.49	49.72	- 0.02	...
-do- Acc	46.49	49.72	- 0.02	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.48	58.86	- 0.12	7.09
-do- Acc	146.60	152.80	- 0.30	7.09
High Yield	209.30	223.80	- 0.30	5.25
-do- Acc	480.10	513.50	- 0.40	5.25
Income	263.20	281.50†	- 0.40	4.05
-do- Acc	547.20	585.20	- 0.90	4.05
Japan Gth	271.40	290.30	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	286.40	306.30	+ 1.30	...
Mandarin Acc	92.73	99.18	- 0.10	1.26
North American	166.60	178.20	+ 3.40	0.92
-do- Acc	209.40	224.00	+ 4.30	0.92

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT.
Dealing: 071 826 0826.
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	254.70	271.30†	+11.70	0.47
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.08†	+ 0.01	5.64
Deposit Acc	121.32	121.32†	+ 0.01	5.64
Euro Gth Acc	254.70	271.60†	+ 2.60	...
Europa	116.90	125.60†	+ 2.30	...
Intl Gth	159.70	170.50	+ 3.00	...
Japan Tracker	60.71	64.52	+ 0.75	...
UK Equity Inc	138.80	149.40	+ 0.60	5.25
-do- Acc	167.10	179.90	+ 0.70	5.25
UK Ind Tracker	136.10	145.80†	...	3.62
US Eq Ind Trkr	197.20	209.00	+ 5.30	1.24
-do- Acc	207.30	219.50	+ 5.60	1.24
Asian Trader	145.00	157.10	+ 2.30	0.99

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	173.80	177.80†	+ 4.60	2.64
European	59.89	61.28	+ 0.58	1.24
Olympiad	52.21	53.58†	+ 0.98	0.88
Global Bond	48.35	48.89†	+ 0.20	6.98
Smaller Cos	59.02	61.58	+ 0.09	1.92
Equity Income	88.67	91.21	+ 0.14	5.23
UK Growth	79.70	82.09	+ 0.09	1.84

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222.
Dealing: 0705 387750

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	48.36	51.58	+ 1.37	0.72
Australian Acc	288.70	309.70	+ 3.00	...
Conscience	62.90	66.70	+ 0.16	1.48
-do- Acc	67.12	71.63	+ 0.18	1.48
European	168.50	179.70	+ 1.00	1.22
-do- Acc	179.70	191.60	+ 0.90	1.22
Extra Income	70.04	74.74	- 0.04	6.33
-do- Acc	105.20	112.20	- 0.10	6.33
Far East Gth	147	157.10	+ 0.90	0.12
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.31	60.67	- 0.14	7.60
Gold	29.51	31.73	+ 0.29	...
-do- Acc	31.78	34.17	+ 0.31	...
Income	49.63	52.93	- 0.10	5.67
-do- Acc	148.80	158.70	- 0.30	5.67
International	28.33	30.39	+ 0.36	0.95
-do- Acc	40.70	43.66	+ 0.51	0.95
Jap Sm Cos Acc	254	270.90	+ 0.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	156.50	167.80	+ 4.00	...
Smlr Cos Acc	23.46	25.22	- 0.03	2.02
Special Sits	30.93	33.25	- 0.06	1.86
-do- Acc	35.30	37.95	- 0.07	1.86
Tokyo	66.31	70.73	+ 0.09	...
-do- Acc	66.98	71.44	+ 0.10	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF.
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	64.92	69.07	- 0.07	3.02
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.02	77.28	- 0.09	6.96
N&P Higher Inc	177.30	189.20†	- 0.10	5.08
N&P UK Income	95.26	101.89	- 0.11	4.25
N&P Intl	83.43	89.72	+ 0.32	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	70.33	75.22	- 0.08	1.87

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA.
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	155.54	165.47	+ 0.73	2.59
Global	264.17	281.04	+ 3.42	1.31
Growth	100.75	107.19	+ 0.02	2.50
Income	191.88	204.13†	- 0.14	4.23
Intl Bond	128.72	136.94	+ 0.61	8.74

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR.
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	133.50	140.50	+ 0.20	2.86
-do- Acc	231.10	243.20	+ 0.20	2.86
Income	209.20	222.50	+ 0.30	3.92
Intl Equity	209.20	222.50	+ 2.50	1.15
-do- Acc	229.10	243.60	+ 2.80	1.15
Equity	207.70	220.90	...	2.73
-do- Acc	421.00	447.90	...	2.73
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.52	68.70	+ 0.21	2.19
UK Income	56.76	60.38†	+ 0.01	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	66.93	71.20	- 0.02	1.81
New Europe Acc	61.51	65.43	+ 0.66	1.65

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames.
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.41	90.28	+ 0.19	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	93.23	99.72	- 0.99	1.46
Intl Gth	437.80	468.24	+ 1.27	0.91
Income	275.22	294.36	+ 0.64	4.03
W wide Recov	273.31	292.32	+ 1.73	1.06
American Gth	198.36	212.15	+ 4.95	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.50	181.29	+ 0.66	0.19
Far East Gth	179.93	192.44	- 0.09	0.28
European Gth	108.43	115.97	- 0.48	1.02
UK Growth	69.93	74.80	+ 0.34	3.07
High Income	75.80	81.07†	- 0.07	5.03
Japanese Gth	162.43	173.28	- 1.00	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	167.00	177.60	+ 2.10	0.92
High Income	104.00	110.70	- 0.10	3.88
Conv Gilt	108.10	115.00†	...	6.73
Far East	285.60	303.90	+ 0.70	0.19

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Semlons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	49.67	52.84	+ 1.28	0.56
Emerging Mkts	59.66	63.47	+ 0.44	0.23

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	45.79	48.71	- 0.01	3.52
International	81.46	86.66	+ 0.84	1.31
Gilt Units	25.33	26.11†	- 0.08	8.15
Global PEP	34.36	36.55	+ 0.23	2.13
Income Gth	60.59	64.40†	+ 0.01	5.46
European	43.26	46.02	- 0.35	1.15
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.43	27.05	- 0.04	6.16

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL.
081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.57	30.55†	+ 0.17	1.67
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.00	101.00†	+ 0.02	5.49
-do- Acc	104.05	104.05†	+ 0.01	5.49
Pru Equity	633.41	677.44	+ 0.42	2.50
Pru Equity Inc	76.91	82.25†	+ 0.09	4.60
Pru European	170.77	182.64	+ 0.66	1.85
Pru Global Gth	74.87	80.07†	+ 0.44	1.60
Pru High Inc	84.15	90.00	- 0.02	5.70
Pru Intl	150.17	160.60†	+ 1.32	1.35
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.80	68.23	+ 0.53	0.94
Pru Japanese	146.24	156.40†	+ 0.61	...
Pru Nth Amer	142.89	152.82	- 2.41	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	71.21	76.16†	+ 0.83	1.84
Pru Premr Inc	49.24	51.28†	- 0.17	7.46
Pru Smllr Cos	78.09	83.51	- 0.04	2.07
Pru Spec Sits	93.97	100.50	+ 0.08	2.31
Pru UK Growth	104.96	112.25†	...	2.41

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR.
Dealing: 071 634 298144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	147.97	159.34	+ 0.05	3.79
NC Japan	218.98	234.58	+ 1.93	...
NC Mid UK Cos	89.54	96.35	- 0.02	2.61
NC America Inc	469.26	502.85	+ 9.97	0.57
-do- Acc	548.04	584.07	+11.59	0.57
NC Smlr UK Cos	246.82	268.61	+ 0.48	1.88
NC European	250.79	267.32	+ 2.13	1.52

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB.
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	72.97	77.62	+ 1.25	3.93
Capital Units	137.40	146.10	+ 1.00	1.60
Commodity	96.10	102.20†	+ 0.90	1.31
European Gth	149.90	159.40	+ 1.40	1.45
Financial Sec	*162.00*	*172.30*	*- 1.30*	*2.06*
High Return	205.00	218.00†	+ 0.60	4.99
High Yield	199.70	212.40	+ 0.40	4.25
Income Units	104.20	110.80†	+ 0.10	5.29
Investment	164.10	174.50	+ 0.10	1.51
Japan Gth	114.90	122.20	+ 1.20	...
Japan Smaller	157.80	167.80	+ 0.90	...
Masterfund	43.99	46.79	+ 0.47	1.02
Scotbits	235.60	250.60†	+ 1.90	2.21
Scotshares	243.10	258.60	+ 1.50	2.79
Scotyields	212.20	225.70†	...	4.12
Select Intl	124.20	132.10	+ 1.70	0.70
Smaller Cos	207.00	220.20	...	4.66
Special Situation	104.30	110.90	- 0.10	0.86
UK Equity	213.50	227.10†	+ 0.40	3.10
US Growth	140.70	149.60†	+ 3.70	0.30

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	241.26	257.43	+ 4.28	0.70
-do- Acc	260.73	278.11	+ 4.62	0.70
Australian	128.77	137.35†	+ 0.07	0.25
-do- Acc	150.89	160.95	+ 0.09	0.25
UK Enterprise	194.50	207.46†	- 0.51	3.14
-do- Acc	224.68	239.66	- 0.58	3.14
European Gth	61.20	65.28†	+ 0.55	1.33
-do- Acc	63.36	67.57	+ 0.56	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	55.86	59.58†	+ 0.37	0.69
-do- Acc	56.24	59.98	+ 0.36	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	63.93	68.19†	+ 0.14	...
-do- Acc	65.05	69.38	+ 0.14	...
Fixed Interest	52.98	55.87	- 0.15	8.70
-do- Acc	63.47	66.93	- 0.18	8.70
Gilt Income	104.49	110.11	- 0.30	8.55
-do- Acc	141.28	148.87	- 0.41	8.55
Income	292.03	311.49	- 0.32	4.61
-do- Acc	845.85	902.23	- 0.95	4.61
Japan Enterprise	52.25	55.73	+ 0.17	...
-do- Acc	52.25	55.73	+ 0.17	...
Japan Smllr Cos	335.51	357.87†	+ 0.41	...
-do- Acc	336.18	358.59	+ 0.42	...
Pacific Gth	82.35	87.84†	+ 0.28	0.55
-do- Acc	84.92	90.58	+ 0.29	0.55
Smaller Cos	180.30	192.32†	- 0.42	1.31
-do- Acc	206.64	220.40	- 0.49	1.31
Tokyo	83.95	89.54	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	84.80	90.44	+ 0.40	...
UK Equity	195.45	208.48†	- 0.07	3.30
-do- Acc	361.86	386.08	- 0.13	3.30
US Smllr Cos	126.10	134.50	+ 2.63	...
-do- Acc	126.10	134.50	+ 2.63	...
World Fd	66.62	71.22†	+ 0.24	1.75
-do- Acc	70.52	75.21	+ 0.25	1.75

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ.
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	41.74	44.45	- 0.05	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.43	64.36	- 0.18	1.86
European Opps	71.24	75.87	+ 0.59	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.70	100.28	...	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.12	50.18	- 0.27	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	329.10	351.90	+ 0.40	3.09
American	247.90	263.20	+ 4.70	1.00
Pacific	289.70	309.80	+ 1.60	0.88
European	450.50	481.80	+ 2.00	1.28
Worldwide	75.32	80.56	+ 0.50	1.42

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN.
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	293.10	311.90	...	2.95
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.30	202.50	- 0.30	2.79
European	325.40	346.20	+ 3.30	1.78
North American	252.20	268.30	+ 7.20	0.54
Income Plus Inc	62.16	66.13	+ 0.03	4.08
UK Spec Sits	63.24	67.28	- 0.12	2.57

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA.
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.23	25.93	+ 0.02	3.34
Intl Growth Acc	27.25	29.17	+ 0.31	1.22
Global Inc Acc	30.23	32.36	+ 0.26	4.17
Market Idx Acc	25.00	26.76†	+ 0.04	3.14

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	82.15	87.86	+ 2.10	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.84	45.83	+ 0.05	...
-do- Acc	45.36	48.21	+ 0.06	...
Far East Opps	30.07	32.20	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	30.90	33.09	+ 0.31	...
General Growth	95.31	102.10†	+ 0.10	2.45
Global Tech	116.60	125.90	+ 1.20	...
Income Growth	95.64	102.80†	- 0.30	4.00
Income Monthly	55.28	59.12	- 0.15	5.32
Japan Growth	66.21	70.41	+ 0.46	...
Overseas Gth	72.60	77.26	+ 0.78	...
Smaller Cos	68.13	73.25	- 0.01	1.94
Special Opps	95.47	102.60†	+ 0.40	2.04
Wld Spec Sits	43.93	47.33†	+ 0.27	...
-do- Acc	44.03	47.43†	+ 0.27	...

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ.
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	42.19	44.83	+ 0.20	1.91
Equity Gth Acc	56.83	60.39	...	1.20

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	40.68	43.23	- 0.10	2.44
-do- Acc	53.39	56.73	- 0.10	2.44
European Acc	40.99	43.56	+ 0.30	1.33
Far East Acc	47.87	50.87	+ 0.50	0.35
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.44	32.20	- 0.10	6.52
N American Acc	44.64	47.44	+ 1.30	0.80
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	256.50	278.40	+ 4.40	1.76
UK Eq High Inc	33.83	35.95	- 0.10	3.99
-do- Acc	39.62	42.10	- 0.10	3.99
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.60	303.40	- 0.20	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Acc	359.60	390.30	- 0.20	3.88

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	NZ$3.35	NZ$3.55	...	1.11
US Eq	$1.934	$2.054	...	0.74
Far East Eq	Y194.7	Y206.8	...	...
Japan Eq	Y199.3	Y211.7	...	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.40	...	1.69
FT North Am	$1.661	$1.704	...	0.91
FT Japan	Y194.6	Y206.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.20	121.30	...	*1.46*

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh.
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	352.60	374.50	+ 9.10	0.20
British	904.90	957.40	- 0.50	4.71
European	378.60	403.00	+ 0.70	1.58
Japan	120.30	128.00	+ 0.30	...
New Pacific	286.00	304.60	+ 1.60	1.36
Mngd Cash	95.98	95.98	...	5.34
Majority Stg	100.17	101.18	+ 0.02	5.19
Inv Tst	177.20	187.80	...	2.04
Saints PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin: 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex.
0277 227300.
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	698.30	746.80†	- 0.30	2.50
N America Acc	112.00	119.80†	+ 3.40	0.05
Far East Acc	110.10	117.80†	+ 1.30	...
W wide Bond	63.90	67.83	+ 0.49	5.07
European	81.14	86.78	+ 0.67	0.68
Equity Income	77.91	83.33	+ 0.04	4.05

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ.
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	34.84	37.22	+ 0.95	0.90
Managed Assets	114.04	121.97	+ 0.35	3.99
UK Income	35.01	37.45	+ 0.01	3.90
UK Growth	34.83	37.26	+ 0.02	3.00
Worldwide Gth	29.09	31.12	+ 0.46	0.63

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE.
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	202.63	215.56	+ 4.88	0.24
-do- Acc	222.55	236.75	+ 5.35	0.24
British Gth	82.55	87.82	+ 1.34	2.36
-do- Acc	96.33	102.48	+ 1.57	2.36
European	90.88	96.69†	+ 0.62	1.24
-do- Acc	95.87	101.99†	+ 0.65	1.24
Extra Inc	176.65	187.93†	- 0.24	4.39
-do- Acc	281.77	299.75†	- 0.39	4.39
General Unit	250.61	266.61†	+ 1.26	2.70
-do- Acc	494.52	526.08†	+ 2.49	2.70
Income	308.54	328.23	- 0.76	4.01
-do- Acc	628.45	668.56	- 1.55	4.01
International	475.13	505.46	+ 8.90	0.58
-do- Acc	621.08	660.72	+11.63	0.58
Pacific	318.78	339.13	+ 1.83	0.04
-do- Acc	333.86	355.17	+ 1.92	0.04
Premier Income	50.36	52.46†	- 0.16	7.17
-do- Acc	103.44	107.75†	- 0.31	7.17
Nat Resources	92.98	98.92	+ 0.82	0.95
-do- Acc	101.96	108.47	+ 0.90	0.95
Selected Opps	89.57	95.29	+ 0.66	1.28
-do- Acc	111.85	118.99	+ 0.82	1.28

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Eagle	123.60	132.30	+ 3.60	0.23
Australia	7.060	7.584†	+0.064	0.11
Equity	174.80	186.80	+ 0.10	4.57
Euro Spec Sits	141.40	150.00	+ 0.40	0.58
Financial	37.49	40.10	+ 0.10	3.03
Global Opps Inc	86.16	92.08	+ 1.25	2.19
-do- Acc	89.31	95.45	+ 1.31	2.19
Gold Gen Inc	41.53	44.39	+ 0.39	0.99
-do- Acc	79.23	84.79	+ 0.79	0.99
Income	113.90	121.90	...	5.06
Japan General	124.40	132.40	+ 1.00	...
Preference	21.89	23.45†	- 0.05	7.73
UK Capital	98.63	105.40†	+ 0.10	3.20
Worldwide Cap	191.10	204.10†	+ 1.40	3.15
World Income	81.42	86.77†	+ 0.73	3.80

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF.
071 493 7262.
Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	70.64	75.34†	- 0.06	...
-do- Acc	72.85	77.70†	- 0.07	...
Cash	51.34	51.34	...	6.24
-do- Acc	61.10	61.10	...	6.24
European Opps	62.30	66.39	+ 0.73	0.44
-do- Acc	62.94	67.07	+ 0.72	0.44
Far East Opps	137.40	146.56	+ 0.79	0.66
-do- Acc	140.60	149.97	+ 0.81	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	37.94	40.46†	+ 0.22	...
-do- Acc	39.02	41.62†	+ 0.23	...
Japan	64.07	68.27	+ 0.55	...
-do- Acc	64.07	68.27	+ 0.55	...
Little Dragons	65.54	69.90	+ 0.86	0.71
-do- Acc	67.23	71.71	+ 0.89	0.71
Oriental Income	40.43	43.12	+ 0.21	3.69
-do- Acc	51.03	54.43	+ 0.28	3.69
Tiger	208.50	222.40	+ 3.04	1.18
-do- Acc	218.10	232.63	+ 3.17	1.18
UK Small Cos	67.24	71.91†	- 0.28	2.27
-do- Acc	78.31	83.75†	- 0.33	2.27

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	215.60	230.00	...	4.58

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ.
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	11.39	12.11	+ 0.18	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.17	32.09	+ 0.35	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.68	40.08	+ 1.19	0.10
Global Bond	$0.958	$0.998	-0.005	7.20
Penny Share	20.22	21.51	- 0.03	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT.
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.22	52.22	- 0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.37	68.05	- 0.15	...
Gilt Income	52.38	54.51	- 0.25	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.60	111.00	- 0.20	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.711	$0.721	-0.000	...
Challenger	94.23	96.42	+ 0.47	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG.
0785 388846

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	64.50	68.61	+ 0.03	2.22

Source: *Finstat*
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	5,300	Coats Vyla	1,200	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot & New	410
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Cm Union	1,900	Lloyds Bk	626	Scot Power	3,500
Anglian W	338	Courtaulds	596	MB Cardn	3,500	Sears	5,000
Argyll Gp	3,900	De La Rue	60	Marks Spr	3,700	Svrn Trent	869
Arjo Wig	990	Eng China	759	NFC	2,000	Shell Trans	7,100
AB Foods	258	Enterpr Oil	782	NatWst Bk	3,100	Siebe	974
BAA	1,600	Fisons	1,100	Nat Power	3,200	SmKl Bch	2,200
BAT Inds	3,100	Forte	2,600	Nth Wst W	473	Smith Nph	2,700
BOC	1,100	GRE	6,500	Nthrn Fds	1,000	Smith (WH)	508
BP	6,600	GUS A	436	P & O	780	Sthern Elec	298
BT	2,900	Gen Acc	1,500	Pearson	3,900	Std Chartd	737
BTR	5,400	Gen Elec	7,300	PowerGen	2,600	Sun Allnce	5,100
Bk of Scot	491	Glaxo	5,600	Prudential	6,200	TI Gp	378
Barclays	7,000	Granada	1,900	RTZ	1,100	TSB	1,700
Bass	2,800	Grand Met	3,000	Rank Org	1,800	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Blue Circle	2,800	Guinness	2,600	Reckitt Col	446	Tesco	11,000
Boots	1,100	HSBC	3,400	Redland	2,500	Thames W	921
Bowater	403	Hanson	2,900	Reed Intl	678	Thrn EMI	1,000
Brit Airwys	2,100	ICI	13,000	Rentokil	633	Tomkins	7,100
Brit Gas	9,300	Inchcape	706	Reuters	442	Unilever	3,200
Brit Steel	2,900	Kingfisher	1,400	Rothmans	1,500	Utd Bisc	3,600
Burmah C	541	Kwik Save	299	Ryl Ins	4,000	Vodafone	3,700
Cable Wire	1,200	LASMO	3,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,600	Wellcome	1,300
Cadbury	2,000	Ladbroke	3,100	Sainsbury	2,300	Whitbd 'A'	1,000
Carlton C	748	Land Secs	421	Scot Hydro	1,200	Wlms Hld	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3346.23 (-10.27)
S&P Composite 440.06 (-0.81)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16907.39 (+108.45)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6203.88 (+26.19)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 99.8 (same)

Sydney: AO 1606.9 (+2.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1658.91 (+14.67)

FT 30 share: 2176.5 (+3.6)

Brussels:
General 5966.15 (-12.54)

Paris: CAC 520.29 (-0.15)

Zurich: SKA Gen 466.9 (+0.3)

London:
FT A All-Share 1381.52 (+7.12)
FT 500 1516.71 (+3.58)
FT Gold Mines 94.9 (-0.4)
FT Fixed Interest 112.35 (-0.15)
FT Govt Secs 96.26 (-0.26)
Bargains 28276
SEAQ Volume 620.5m
USM (Datastrm) 130.65 (-0.23)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 25/2/93: Avesco, Costain, Cupid, Hartstone, Microvitec, Monument Oil & Gas, Taylor Woodrow.
Puts: Airtours, Avesco, Costain.
Puts & Calls: Costain, Premier Cons, William Cook.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2828.0	2837.0	2809.0	2831.0	8516
Previous open interest: 54849	Jun 93	2841.0	2841.0	2831.5	2846.0	205
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.93	94.04	93.91	94.03	12735
Previous open interest: 293697	Jun 93	94.45	94.53	94.39	94.52	19678
	Sep 93	94.63	94.70	94.59	94.68	3007
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.78	96.78	96.77	96.77	277
Previous open interest: 22573	Jun 93	96.63	96.64	96.62	96.63	510
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.83	91.89	91.83	91.88	14893
Previous open interest: 465663	Jun 93	92.81	92.88	92.80	92.87	33717
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	111-02	111-05	110-27	111-08	98
Previous open interest: 390	Jun 93				110-00	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	102-29	103-18	102-28	103-18	25824
Previous open interest: 83042	Jun 93	104-08	105-00	104-07	104-31	16704
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	112.13	112.19	112.12	112.21	152
	Jun 93	111.45	111.55	111.43	111.53	1218
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	94.46	94.67	94.42	94.64	44723
Previous open interest: 141909	Jun 93	94.96	95.09	94.89	95.06	20538
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.41	90.49	90.41	90.48	560
Previous open interest: 17842	Jun 93	91.45	91.53	91.45	91.50	433
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.53	94.60	94.51	94.59	1884
Previous open interest: 53065	Jun 93	95.22	95.28	95.18	95.26	4023
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.97	96.50	95.50	96.05	19378
Previous open interest: 43294	Jun 93	95.98	96.30	95.45	95.92	606

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 76.3 (day's range 75.7-76.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6164-2.6313	2.6280-2.6313	3/8-1/8ds	1 1/8-1 3/8ds
Brussels	47.78-48.23	48.13-48.23	7-12ds	32-39ds
Copenhagen	8.9120-8.9790	8.9580-8.9790	7-10 1/2ds	20 1/2-23 1/4ds
Dublin	0.9610-0.9640	0.9618-0.9639	59-68ds	170-194ds
Frankfurt	2.3236-2.3421	2.3389-2.3421	3/8-1/2ds	1 1/4-1 3/8ds
Lisbon	213.35-215.38	214.65-215.38	172-189ds	413-467ds
Madrid	166.20-169.30	167.70-169.30	153-198ds	370-416ds
Milan	2245.70-2264.00	2255.20-2264.00	9-11ds	29-32ds
Montreal	*1.7924-1.8003*	1.7924-1.7945	0.15pr-par	0.18-0.01pr
New York	1.4295-1.4320	1.4310-1.4320	0.40-0.38pr	1.08-1.05pr
Oslo	9.9350-9.9960	9.9740-9.9960	1 3/4-4 1/4ds	6 5/8-9ds
Paris	7.8830-7.9480	7.9360-7.9480	3 3/8-4 1/4ds	11 1/4-12 1/4ds
Stockholm	11.1590-11.2420	11.2190-11.2420	2 1/2-4 1/4ds	7 7/8-10 5/8ds
Tokyo	168.07-168.48	168.28-168.48	1/2-3/8pr	1 3/8-1 1/8pr
Vienna	16.32-16.49	16.44-16.49	1 7/8-2 7/8ds	6 1/4-8ds
Zurich	2.1583-2.1709	2.1677-2.1709	1/4pr-par	3/8-1/8pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4325-1.4350
Australia dollar	2.0558-2.0589
Bahrain dinar	0.5315-0.5435
Brazil cruzeiro*	28127.9-28129.3
Cyprus pound	0.6915-0.7015
Finland markka	8.4195-8.5355
Greece drachma	310.75-317.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.034-11.044
India rupee	42.54-43.50
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	3.7508-3.7557
Mexico peso	4.39-4.40
New Zealand dollar	2.7232-2.7305
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.282-5.380
Singapore dollar	2.3402-2.3434
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4636-6.7397
S Africa rand (com)	4.4771-4.4832
U A E dirham	5.173-5.297

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4407-1.4417
Austria	11.46-11.48
Belgium (Com)	33.56-33.60
Canada	1.2533-1.2538
Denmark	6.24-6.25
France	5.5425-5.5475
Germany	1.6295-1.6305
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.488-1.489
Italy	1570.0-1575.0
Japan	*117.25-117.30*
Malaysia	2.6285-2.6300
Netherlands	1.8325-1.8335
Norway	6.945-6.955
Portugal	150.0-150.4
Singapore	1.640-1.641
Spain	116.3-117.3
Sweden	7.8155-7.8265
Switzerland	1.511-1.512

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7 1/2
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 1/2 Low 5 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 11/16; 3 mth 5 5/8. Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16; 3 mth: 5 9/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 5/8	5 19/32-5 17/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 1/16-6 1/8	6 1/4-6 1/8	6 3/16-6 1/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	5 7/8-5 3/4
Interbank:	6 1/8-6 1/16	6 1/4-6 1/8	6 3/16-6 1/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	5 7/8-5 3/4

Overnight: open 5 3/4, close 6 1/2.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6 1/4-6 1/8	n/a	6 1/16-6 1/16	6-5 7/8	5 7/8-5 3/4
Sterling CDs:	6 1/16-6 1/32	6 3/32-6 1/32	6-5 15/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 9/16
Dollar CDs:	3.07	n/a	3.11	3.18	3.39
Building Society CDs:	6 1/4-6 1/8	6 1/4-6 1/8	6 1/16-6 1/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	5 7/8-5 3/4

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 26, 1993 Agreed rates Mar 24, 1993 to Apr 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.35%. Schemes II & III: 7.47%. Reference rate Jan 30, 1993 to Feb 26, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.228%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2 7/8	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/4-2 3/4
Deutschemark:	8 9/16-8 7/16	8 11/16-8 9/16	8 3/8-8 1/4	7 15/16-7 13/16	8 1/2-7 1/2
French Franc:	11 7/8-11 5/8	12 1/8-11 7/8	12-11 3/4	11-10 3/4	12 1/2-10 1/2
Swiss Franc:	5 5/8-5 3/8	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 1/2-5 3/8	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 1/2-4 1/2
Yen:	3 1/4-3	3 3/8-3 1/4	3 1/4-3 1/8	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/4-2 3/4

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.70-330.10 Close: $329.30-329.80 High: $329.70-330.20 Low: $329.00-329.50 Krugerrand: $328.00-330.00 (£228.50-230.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£52.75-54.75) New $78.50-81.50 (£52.75-54.75)
Platinum: $344.40 (£241.10) Silver: $3.57 (£2.485) Palladium: $100.25 (£70.20)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	48	58	64	5	19	25
(*586)	600	15	28	37	26	47	49
ASDA	57	8½	12½	14	2½	5½	7½
(*62)	67	3½	8	10	6½	11	13
Bass	550	41	57	70	10	23	30
(*573½)	600	16	31	41	34	47	57
Boots	460	33	46	54	7	21	26
(*482½)	500	12	26	34	28	42	48
Br Airways	280	18	26	32	11	23	27
(*285)	300	9½	17	23	22	35	39
BP	240	41	46	49	2	6	8½
(*275½)	260	23	31	36	5	12	15
	280	10	20	25	12	20	24
Br Steel	70	10	14	16	3½	6½	9
(*77)	80	4	9	11	8½	12½	15
C & W	700	46	66	77	10	27	36
(*733½)	750	19	38	51	33	54	61
CU	532	53	59	66	6½	15	24
(*584½)	580	15	33	40	28	36	46
Courtauld	550	30	45	56	19	32	36
(*555)	600	10	22	34	50	62	67
GKN	460	17	29	36	22	32	40
(*461½)	500	5	15	20	53	58	66
Grnd Met	420	36	51	58	7	18	24
(*447½)	460	14	29	37	26	37	43
ICI	1050	50	103	112	25	50	75
(*1145)	1100	41	75	88	53	77	103
	1150	21	54	66	88	110	133
Kingfshr	535	36	47	57	10	25	33
(*555½)	584	12	26	35	35	55	59
Ladbroke	180	18	24	34	10	17	24
(*190½)	200	7½	16	23	24	29	35
Land Sec	460	29	35	40	5	19	23
(*480)	500	8	16	21	24	43	45
M & S	300	35	39	46	3	8½	13
(*328)	330	12	22	28	11	21	24
Sainsbury	500	24	34	45	15	30	34
(*513½)	550	6	15	24	50	62	66
Shell	550	34	46	53	9½	18	26
(*583)	600	6½	21	27	39	45	51
Smkl Bch	420	32	47	56	12	20	28
(*441)	460	13	28	37	33	43	49
Storehse	180	14	22	27	8½	16	20
(*179½)	200	6	14	17	23	28	32
Trafalgar	70	12	15	18	3	5½	7
(*78½)	80	5½	10	12½	6	11	15
Unilever	1150	63	84	106	15	32	40
(*1208)	1200	27	56	77	39	55	63
Utd Bisc	330	35	38	44	6	14	18
(*367)	360	14	21	27	21	28	33

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	51	64	-	18	32	-
(*766½)	800	25	36	-	43	56	-
BAT Ind	900	52	68	78	28	39	55
(*941½)	950	27	44	55	57	66	83
BTR	550	19	30	36	25	30	34
(*554)	600	4½	11	18	63	65	70
Br Aero	260	31	43	50	25	34	41
(*267½)	280	22	35	43	35	44	53
Br Telcm	390	29	35	40	7½	16	20
(*411)	420	12½	19	24	21	32	36
Cadbury	420	44	50	57	8½	14	20
(*455½)	460	16	25	36	25	31	36
Guinness	420	39	45	55	13	19	28
(*448½)	460	16	26	35	34	41	49
GEC	280	23	27	30	6½	12	15
(*292)	300	11	15½	19	15	23	26
Hanson	240	15½	19½	22	7	11½	15
(*248½)	260	6	10½	13½	18	22	26
LASMO	160	19	25	29	11	16	20
(*174)	180	10	17	21	22	28	32
Lucas	140	10	18	22	14	20	24
(*139½)	160	5½	10	15	29	32	37
P & O	500	59	68	70	13	28	41
(*546½)	550	28	40	44	43	53	67
Pilkngtn	110	11	15	19	10	15	18
(*109)	120	7	11	15	16	21	24
Prudential	300	23	29	32	12	17	22
(*316)	330	8½	14	19	30	34	39
RTZ	600	58	72	-	14	24	32
(*659)	650	28	45	60	36	45	57
Scot New	420	34	41	48	12	25	29
(*436½)	460	13	24	29	35	48	50
Tesco	220	20	24	31	9	14	17
(*229½)	240	10	15	21	20	24	27
Thames W	500	33	39	45	13	25	29
(*516)	550	10	15	22	40	55	58
Vodafone	360	34	43	53	12	20	26
(*379)	390	18	27	38	27	35	42

FT-SE INDEX (*2828)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Mar	134	87	59	32	13	5
Apr	143	107	75	49	37	19
May	163	131	97	72	53	37
Jun	177	150	116	90	70	51
Dec	255	-	200	-	150	-
Puts						
Mar	9	16	31	56	92	138
Apr	25	37	57	83	118	157
May	40	57	77	102	127	208
Jun	52	70	90	114	145	181
Dec	103	-	138	-	195	-

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	33	38	46	5½	11	19
(*389)	390	12	21	30	18	25	32
Amstrad	25	4½	6	7	1	2	3½
(*28)	30	1½	3½	4½	3½	5	6
Barclays	420	15	25	33	24	36	48
(*419½)	460	4	12	20	56	62	75
Blue Circ	220	14	23	28	10	24	29
(*224½)	240	6½	15	20	22	35	41
Br Gas	280	13½	18½	23	4½	14	17
(*289)	300	3½	8½	14	15	26	29
	330	1	2½	5½	43	51	52
Dixons	200	28	35	39	4	9	16
(*220)	220	14	22	26	9	17	25
Eurotnl	460	54	73	89	10	28	40
(*500)	500	25	52	67	23	47	62
Forte	180	16	22	26	5	15	21
(*191½)	200	6	11	17	15	28	33
Glaxo	650	21	48	66	32	47	61
(*642½)	700	8	29	46	70	82	92
	750	3	16	31	120	125	130
HSBC	550	50	63	78	7	25	35
(*593½)	600	20	36	53	26	49	60
Hillsdwn	140	18	23	26	3	10½	13
(*155)	160	6	11	16	11	22	26
Lonrho	80	10	16	18½	2½	7½	10
(*88½)	90	5	10½	14	8	11½	16
Reuter	1300	62	105	135	28	58	80
(*1338½)	1350	32	75	110	54	84	104
R-Royce	120	13½	16½	20½	3½	8½	11½
(*132)	130	7½	11	16½	7	13½	17
Sears	90	9½	12½	15	2	6	7½
(*98½)	100	4	7	10	5	11	14
Thm Em	800	36	59	71	10	25	42
(*821½)	850	12	29	44	35	52	73
TSB	160	17	22	27	3½	8½	12
(*171)	180	6½	14	17	13	18	23
Vaal Reefs	35	1½	2½	3½	6	9	9
(*38)	40	4	4	6½	4	6	6½
Wellcome	850	47	76	102	19	40	53
(*871½)	900	21	46	80	43	65	79

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	220	19	29	37	15	28	32
(*223½)	240	11	21	29	25	40	44

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elc	420	47	53	56	6½	16	21
(*452½)	460	22	28	34	22	36	40

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	300	19	30	34	4½	11	18
(*314)	330	4½	13	18	20	26	34
Scot Pwr	220	14	21	26	2½	6½	15
(*228½)	240	3½	10½	15	12	17	26

February 25, 1993 Tot: 24838 Call: 17836 Put: 7002 FT-SE Call: 1885 Put: 1783
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Stronger physical markets and the continued slide of sterling saw wheat futures again push firmer throughout the day. Consumer and merchant buying pushed prices initially up but with volumes being light traders were unprepared to push the prices too aggressively. May cocoa was unchanged at the close after recovering most of its early setback during early trade.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Mar	747-745	May	831 BID
May	760-759	Jul	850-846
Jul	771-769	Sep	863-862
Sep	781-780	Dec	887-882
Dec	799 SLR		
Mar	820 SLR		Volume: 6397

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	960-955	Nov	937-935
May	953-951	Jan	952-942
Jul	918-917	Mar	968-955
Sep	930-927		Volume: 2468

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	203.0-01.0
Spot: 209.5		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	unq	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	220.0-18.0	May	200.0-98.0
Aug	224.0-22.0		Volume: 156

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	253.0-51.1
Spot: 274.5		Mar	252.0-48.1
May	271.0-70.0	May	255.5-50.1
Aug	271.5-70.0	Aug	260.0-52.1
Oct	254.0-53.0		Volume: 509

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.99	118.96	129.34
(+/-)	+2.46	+9.95	+2.45
Eng/Wales:	87.01	118.92	129.65
(+/-)	+2.53	+9.79	+2.92
(%)	-12.4	-28.2	-30.9
Scotland:	83.43	119.21	128.15
(+/-)	-10.92	+10.53	-0.71
(%)	+21.0	-67.5	-40.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	107.5	107.5	Oct	104.0	104.0
Sep	104.5	104.0			Volume: 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 145.90
May 147.40
Jun 148.30
Sep 110.25
Nov 112.25
Volume: 222

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 142.70
May 144.00
Sep 107.75
Nov 110.85
Jan 113.75
Volume: 56

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Apr unq
Jun 143.00
Aug 144.80
Oct 147.50
Dec unq
Volume: 25

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	44.5	45.3
May	47.0	48.1
Apr	95.0	95.3
		Volume: 130

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Apr 67.50-67.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A confused market was prepared to tread water pending fresh fundamentals.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	*18.90*	n/c
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.90	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.85	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.45	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.50	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (n/c)	195 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	174 (n/c)	175 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	176 (n/c)	177 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	176 (n/c)	177 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (n/c)	178 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar	173.00-73.25	Jun	173.25-73.75
Apr	173.50-73.75	Jul	174.50-75.00
May	173.25-73.50	Aug	176.50-76.75
			Vol: 11629

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.86-18.88	Jul	18.98 BID
May	18.89-18.90	Aug	18.91 BID
Jun	18.92-18.94		Vol: 26366

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	189.50 SLR	Jun	200.25-01.00
Apr	195.50 SLR	Jul	201.00-11.00
May	197.50-98.50		Vol: 33

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 93	1385	1370	1370
Apr 93	1385	1365	1370
Jul 93	1190	1180	1188
Oct 93	unq	unq	unq

Vol: 119 lots. Open int'st: 2744 Index 1375 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1510.0-1510.5	1534.5-1535.0	778975
Lead (£/tonne)	281.50-281.75	291.50-291.75	53975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1015.0-1015.5	1032.5-1033.0	503100
Tin ($/tonne)	5775.0-5780.0	5835.0-5840.0	7515
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1193.5-1194.5	1215.5-1216.0	613500
Nickel ($/tonne)	6169.0-6170.0	6230.0-6231.0	45876

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6	Wolseley	Industrial	
7	Allied Text	Textiles	
8	Schroders	Banks,Disc	
9	Airtours	Leisure	
10	Wintrust	Banks,Disc	
11	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Air	
12	Dairy Farm Intl	Drapery,Strs	
13	Henderson Ad	Fin Trusts	
14	CML Micro	Electrical	
15	Kingfisher	Drapery,Strs	
16	Honeysuckle	Drapery,Strs	
17	Liberty Life	Insurance	
18	Inchcape	Business Serv	
19	MAI	Fin Trusts	
20	Lloyds	Banks,Disc	
21	Capita Group	Business Serv	
22	Abbey Ntl	Banks,Disc	
23	Bank Scotland	Banks,Disc	
24	Polypipe	Industrial	
25	Ramco Oil	Industrial	
26	Fletcher King	Property	
27	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
28	Utd Friendly	Insurance	
29	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
30	Telegraph	Newspapr,Pub	
31	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print	
32	Mowlem (J)	Building,Rds	
33	Bletchley Mtr	Motors,Air	
34	Spirax-Sarco	Industrial	
35	Domino	Electrical	
36	ADT	Business Serv	
37	Utd Nwspaprs	Newspapr,Pub	
38	Geest	Foods	
39	Portals	Industrial	
40	BTR	Industrial	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Ntl	388	+3	10.5	3.6	13.4
205	154	Allied Irish	205	+1	...	3.5	12.4
197½	106	Aus New Z	163	+½	...	5.5	...
4725	1906½	Bankamerica	3650	+87½	...	...	...
295	141	Bk of Ireland	303	...	...	5.0	32.5
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	7.4	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	136	+3	4.3	4.3	21.4
461	274	Barclays	420	-4	21.1	6.7	...
6	1½	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	38	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
461	295	Cater Allen	459	+2	26.0	7.6	...
107	61	Cattles	107	+3	3.8	4.7	15.6
2225	912½	Chase Manh	2166½	-6½	...	...	...
1850	537½	Citicorp	1818½	-56½	...	...	...
323	205	Close Bros	323	+9	9.5	3.9	14.4
£115	8687½	Commerzbk	£117½	...	...	3.4	...
£297	£214	Deutsche Bk	£297	+200	...	2.1	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	78½	...	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1035	...	...	0.5	58.8
425	230	Gerrard Nat	424	...	21.0	6.6	...
606	236	HSBC	594	+7	...	3.3	24.4
587	313	HSBC HK	581	+9	...	3.4	23.9
318	202	Hambros	314	-2	13.8	5.9	13.0
363	308	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.9	...
121	54	King Shaxson	119	...	5.0	5.6	...
396	212	Kleinwort Ben	385	+1	16.0	5.7	-
573	346	Lloyds	513	+4	...	4.8	7.2
79	40	Lon Scot Bk	78½	...	3.0	5.1	15.6
390	258	Nat Aust Bk	390	+6	...	5.2	13.5
465	251	Nat West	436	+1	...	5.5	58.7
619	418	Provident	794	+20	28.5	4.9	-
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	237½	+2½	8.8	4.9	...
1585	1043	Schroders	1585	+7	18.0	1.5	18.5
672	364	Stand Chart	653	+9	20.0	4.1	16.9
179½	115	TSB	171½	+½	6.4	5.0	...
200	38	Union Disc	116	...	13.5	...	...
635	403	Warburg SG	628	+8	18.0	3.8	18.6
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	214	+2	...	3.7	...
6737½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6737½	+237½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	152	-3	...	5.3	-
253	188	Wintrust	203	+3	9.3	6.2	7.7

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	585	-5	20.0	4.6	13.6
666	472	Bass	574	-3	18.9	4.4	12.5
213	146	Boddington	199	-1	6.6	4.4	12.6
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	378	...	9.0	3.2	17.4
159	117	Burtonwd Brw	154	...	4.4	3.9	11.2
291	194	Devenish (JA)	279	...	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	92	...	...	4.7	24.3
84½	47	Forfars Brewing	66	...	...	4.1	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	340	...	...	2.6	14.3
515	360	Grand Met	448	+5	12.3	3.7	14.8
421½	283	Greenalls Grp	399	-2	11.7	3.9	13.2
530	405	Greene King	526	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
614	447	Guinness	449	-1	10.8	3.2	12.9
316	245	Hardy Hansn	256	-4	7.9	4.1	14.2
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	264	...	6.0	3.0	17.6
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	274	...	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	173	...	0.7	0.6	34.9
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	685	...	13.6	2.6	14.7
269	166	Marston Thmp	240	...	4.9	2.7	14.1
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Merrydwn W	280	...	...	3.0	20.2
493	320	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.3	19.1
10½	5½	Paramount	9½	+½	...	2.1	17.3
1000	665	SA Breweries	928	...	...	2.9	-
492	380	Scot & New	437	+5	16.1	4.9	11.9
200	145	Taunton Cider	187	-3	...	3.4	17.5
241	148	Vaux Group	223	+2	9.3	5.6	15.4
251	165	Wetherspoon JD	250	...	...	2.6	20.2
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	447	+3	16.9	5.1	12.6
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	583	-1	11.4	2.6	16.4
545	453	Young 'A'	508	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	93	...	...	1.5	33.5
25	9	Albrighton	19	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	106	...	...	6.3	10.8
162	53	Amec	87	-4	10.2	...	8.0
27	2½	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashstead	167	...	4.1	3.0	23.2
151	100	Attwoods	131	...	5.0	5.1	19.0
238	123	BPB Ind	215	...	...	4.7	54.7
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
118	68	Barcom	88	...	1.2	1.9	16.0
130	34	Barratt Devs	124	+1	2.0	2.2	13.8
353	305	Bellway	383	...	11.5	4.0	22.2
32	14	Bellwinch	28	-1	...	...	...
360	186	Berkeley Gp	360	+1	5.0	1.9	23.8
100	15	Ben Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
89	27	Blockleys	40	...	3.3	...	30.8
294½	121	Blue Circle	225	...	11.2	6.7	22.5
265	140½	Boot (Henry)	265	...	...	2.7	14.5
108	62	Breedon PLC	92	+3	4.6	6.7	17.8
132	66	Br Dredging	98	+2	7.4	10.1	12.7
80	42	Brit Fittings	60	+4	5.3	...	...
180	60	Bryant	127	...	4.8	5.0	27.2
128	38	CALA	60	...	2.3	5.1	...
249	187	CRH	228	-1	...	3.9	12.7
48	14	Cakebread Rby	38	...	...	...	...
42	18½	Costain	27	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	130	...	4.1	4.6	31.7
76	23	Crest Nicholson	54	+1	0.0	...	-
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
6	1½	Dumon	3	...	...	...	9.6
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	23½	-1	1.8	...	...
211	132	Epwin	179	...	...	4.9	14.8
54	23	Erith	29	...	2.0	...	...
300	220	Eve Group	300	...	...	6.3	10.9
88	25	Evered Bardon	42	...	5.6	...	22.6
19	3	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	102	...	4.3	12.5	18.5
79	40	Galliford	46	...	...	...	...
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	708	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	40	...	3.1	4.7	18.8
63	28	Heweison	42	+3	2.6	...	41.3
76	15	Hey & Croft	16	...	...	...	...
188	128	Heywd Wim	197	-1	12.5	8.5	18.1
106	29	Higgs & Hill	60	-1	9.0	...	9.1
39	23	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	10.7
33	10	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
80	36	Ibstock Johnsen	54	...	6.0	...	...
42	14½	Jarvis	18	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	198	+1	9.0	6.1	10.3
35	7½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	71	Ln Clydeside	74	...	4.5	8.1	27.9
36	4½	Lovell (YJ)	10½	...	...	...	7.5
302	180	Manders	299	...	7.0	3.1	20.8
148	57	Marley	105	-1	4.2	5.3	26.5
97	47	Marshalls	70	...	...	9.5	23.4
159	101	Maunders (J)	129	-1	4.9	5.1	11.8
219	76	McAlpine (A)	128	-3	6.5	7.0	-
75	19	McCarthy & S	31	...	0.5	6.1	...
493	181	Meyer Intl	328	-1	16.5	6.7	33.6
14	4	Mission Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	89	+3	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	73	-1	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	129	-1	...	8.2	-
332	146	Persimmon	227	...	6.6	5.1	18.7
36	19	Phoenix Timber	24	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.0
155	66	Prowting	89	...	3.4	5.1	...
25	5½	Quiltagon	6	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	604	-1	20.0	4.4	22.5
137	67	Raine Ind	115	-1	6.0	7.0	19.2
46	20	Ratners	25	-1	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	463	+2	25.0	7.2	28.8
101	61	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	227	-4	6.4	3.8	17.1
48	25	Svrild-Bwe	33	...	...	...	5.0
68	50	Sharpe & Fisher	80	+1	4.0	6.7	...
142	70	Sheffield Insl	142	...	5.4	5.1	26.7
90	53	Sherriff Hldgs	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shreeve	84	...	...	8.3	12.0
272	188	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4½	Stanmin	9½	...	0.3	7.6	6.3
161	91	Tarmac	106	...	5.5	6.9	43.8
236	129	Tay Homes	185	...	5.6	4.2	10.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	89½	+3½	9.5	...	12.5
686	398	Tilbury Dough	532	+2	33.0	8.3	17.5
48	18	Tonks Eire	23	...	...	2.3	...
228	108	Travis Perkins	181	...	9.8	5.9	25.6
38	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	20	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	63	+1	3.6	7.6	11.6
55	12	Ward Hldgs	34	+1	...	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	36	...	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	400	...	9.3	2.7	23.9
19	8	Wrekin	13	+5	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	137	...	...	5.4	...
18	4½	West Scaffold	11	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	380	-1	8.7	3.1	19.5
221	96	Wilson (C)	160	-4	7.9	3.3	25.4
189	65	Wimpey G	138	...	...	5.1	53.0
81	25	YRM	28	...	4.0	...	3.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
343	343	ADT	520	+4	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	53	Air London	83	-4	...	5.6	10.2
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Auto Sec	130½	+1½	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	80	BET Ord	91	+1½	...	9.5	13.3
100	41	BNB Res	67	...	4.9	9.8	7.9
318	208	BPP	313	+2	6.9	2.9	17.2
285	178	Barbour Index	272	...	7.2	3.6	20.2
30½	13	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
231	111	Brit Data Mgt	230	-1	...	2.3	19.2
14	9	Broadcastle	13	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	61	...	4.0	...	19.4
142	72	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
479	282	Capita Group	475	+4	6.3	1.8	-
36	19	Casket Plc	32½	-½	0.5	2.1	12.4
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	52	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
282	180	Chubb Sec	271	...	...	1.4	29.9
43	18	Comace	32	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	14½	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	75	-1	3.3	5.9	8.5
216	145	Davis Service	211	+5	7.9	5.0	16.0
115	85	EW Facts	97	...	...	5.9	7.2
57	8	Gardiner	13½	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	21	-5	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	243	...	4.6	2.5	23.8
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	203	...	6.3	4.3	15.0
167½	43	Holmes Protectn	69	...	...	...	...
159	98	Hunt Whamp	159	+6	...	...	17.1
£114½	6637½	ISS B DKr	£109½	...	...	1.0	15.5
598	379	Inchcape	598	+4	12.5	2.8	25.4
785	561	Johnson Clean	784	-1	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	225	...	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1137	-37	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
251	85	Pennna	251	...	...	1.1	63.6
5½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	102	+1	19.5	25.5	2.2
453	395	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	54	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	146	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Renconnexion	4	...	...	...	...
222	134	Rentokil	222	+3	1.6	1.0	32.6
248	180	Rolfe & Nolan	248	...	6.2	3.3	16.6
390½	234	Salvesen (C)	390½	+3½	7.0	2.4	21.6
43	25	Scott Pickford	32	...	...	3.3	8.8
206	98	Securiguard	198	...	9.4	6.3	-
12	1½	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
766	555	Serco Gp	758	+3	11.9	2.1	24.3
317	132	Sherwd Comp	316	...	...	2.5	8.5
157	82½	Sketchley	115	...	3.0	3.5	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	40	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22½	7½	Willis Gp	21½	+½	...	0.7	27.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	162	Allied Colloids	245	...	3.9	2.1	19.5
731	413	Amersham	727	...	12.5	2.3	27.0
31½	5	Anglo Utd	5	-½	0.8	...	...
9862½	7362½	BASF DM	9737½	+25	...	...	...
261	201	BTP	261	+2	8.8	4.5	19.1
£119	9050	Bayer DM50	£115½	...	...	4.9	...
248	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	148	+1	7.3	6.6	70.0
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	475	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23	...	2.5	15.0	5.4
170	112	Canning (W)	148	...	7.2	6.6	11.9
616	371	Courtaulds	536	-4	13.0	3.1	15.1
270½	142	Croda	250	...	7.5	4.0	19.0
211	152	Ellis & Everard	187	-1	7.0	5.0	17.0
18½	7	Euro Colour	15½	...	0.6	5.6	...
139	43	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	223	...	7.8	4.7	14.2
£114½	7537½	Hoechst	£111½	...	...	7.1	...
1430	975	ICI	1152½	+70½	...	6.6	30.5
687	434	Laporte	677	-3	18.9	3.7	18.2
328	138	Leigh	208	...	7.8	5.0	17.0
290	11	MTM	14½	+½	1.8	...	2.9
1687½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1587½	...	...	1.8	-
415	360	Paterson Zoch	415	+2	11.4	3.7	17.9
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	262	...	6.0	3.1	17.6
206	130	Porvair	205	...	3.6	2.4	-
13	4½	Suttcliffe Speak	12	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	5.0	17.3
445	220	Wolstnhlme R	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
390	245½	Yorks Chem	373	-1	...	2.8	-
295	214	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	80	...	...	5.0	4.3
109	23	Amber Day	51	+3	3.1	8.1	14.0
306	190	Argos Plc	271	+2	6.4	3.1	18.8
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	77	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey	293	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
150	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	5.7	5.4	13.7
144	74	Bentalls	114	...	3.8	4.5	64.3
266	86	Betterware	240	-3	...	0.7	33.1
114	22	Blacks Leis	25	...	3.3	...	5.2
371	133	Body Shop	151	-1	1.6	1.4	17.4
14½	3	Brown & Jackson	13½	...	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	22.1
80½	29	Burton	75	+1	...	3.6	...
320	126	Castors	142	-1	...	4.9	33.5
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
135	58	Clinton Cards	135	+1	3.7	3.7	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	226	+2	7.0	4.1	25.9
163	77	Colourvision	99	...	...	...	16.7
416	300	Courts Furnish	414	+1	5.0	1.6	20.8
252	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	102	+6	...	...	16.5
57	27½	Dewhirst (D)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	220	+2	6.0	3.6	25.9
495	355	Dunhill	376	...	7.7	2.7	13.0
33	12½	ERA Gp	13½	-½	...	...	6.2
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
115	36½	Essex Furn	111	...	...	3.3	18.6
258	199	Etam	225	+3	6.6	3.9	20.1
538	340	Fine Art Dev	547	-11	11.0	2.7	21.0
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
40	5	French Conn	40	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabicci	42	-10	...	6.3	8.4
69	35	Gent SR	52	+1	2.0	5.1	15.3
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2550	1800	GUS	2550	...	40.0	2.1	20.3
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1630	+22	40.0	3.3	13.0
75	30	Hampden Grp	35	...	...	7.6	5.0
283	123	Harstone	223	-27	4.8	2.8	13.6
25	16½	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
40	18	Heritage	38	+½	...	...	...
58	25	Honeysuckle	54	+4	...	2.5	7.6
168	130	Hse of Lerose	137	...	10.3	10.0	20.8
195	40	Jacques Vert	64	-1	2.0	...	...
582	398	Kingfisher	556	+6	...	3.3	16.7
74	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	7.5	-
685	405	Liberty	658	...	7.2	1.5	44.8
373	162	Lloyds Chem	267	-8	5.5	2.7	10.5
152	90½	MFI	124	+2	...	4.0	18.5
348	268	Marks Spencer	328	-2	7.1	2.9	20.0
490	319	Menzies (John)	479	...	10.0	2.8	15.9
140	110	Moss Bros	136	...	5.0	4.9	26.2
155½	51	Next	144	-1	0.7	0.7	28.4
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	238	-5	...	5.0	15.5
143	48	Pennos	48	...	2.7	7.6	5.7
278	202	QS Hldgs	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ramars Group	17	-½	2.4	18.8	...
35	10	Rhino Grp	30½	...	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	156	+2	...	1.9	15.0
113	54	Sears	98	+3	...	4.8	26.9
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	421	+8	13.4	4.2	14.8
29	8	Specialeyes	8	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	178	-3	5.0	3.7	...
256	153	T & S Stores	174	-2	5.5	4.2	11.3
105	37	Tie Rack	105	+1	0.9	0.6	...
190	132	Time Products	188	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
93	47	Usher (Frank)	90	+10	...	7.6	6.9
38	23	Vivat	30	...	...	...	...
68	28	Wenmtrhm	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	89	-4	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	58	...	...	...	68.2
205	102½	Wyevale	160	...	...	3.1	17.8
7	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	166	-1	4.5	3.6	16.3
238	195	Acal	238	...	...	3.3	19.9
162½	6	Acorn Comp	123	+1	...	...	...
480	299	Admiral	464	-4	5.4	1.6	-
133	94	Alba	120	...	4.7	5.3	15.6
75	7	Alphameric	31	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	28	-1½	0.4	...	...
141	83	App Holo	121	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
48	12	Astec	44	...	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	266	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
7	1½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	327	-1	10.2	7.8	19.1
575	314	Blick	529	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland	1350	...	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	286	+1	6.0	2.8	19.6
430½	305	BT	411	+5	14.4	4.7	15.3
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burnfield	126	...	...	6.1	18.1
742	489	Cable Wireless	733	+3	13.2	2.4	22.6
14½	4½	Chloride	13½	+½	...	...	...
104	62	Clarke T	82	...	6.5	10.8	11.8
303	205	CML Micro	248	+3	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Compter People	89	...	5.4	...	11.5
151	60½	Cray Elect	135	-1	...	0.5	11.0
326	231	Critchley	308	...	...	2.6	21.8
506	331	Delta	436	...	14.0	4.3	17.2
298	148	Denmans Ele	297	...	...	2.7	...
607	375	Domino	588	+3	7.2	1.6	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	18.7
1015	750	Druck	965	...	...	1.3	23.5
382	233	Electrocomps	374	+1	7.0	2.5	20.2
545	286	El Data Prc	535	...	5.1	1.3	14.6
75	28	Electron House	67	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	19	...	1.0	...	...
550	292	Eurotherm	524	...	8.0	2.0	23.9
128	51	FKI	124	-1	2.3	2.5	24.0
367	227	Farnell Elect	357	-1	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
19½	3½	Ferranti	17½	...	...	...	...
141	30	First Tech	139	...	...	...	...
151	71	Forward Gp	149	+1	...	2.2	17.9
28½	10	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	292½	-½	9.6	4.4	15.5
337	102	Graseby	167	...	10.9	8.7	14.5
57	38	Hitclare	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	395	Hoskyns Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	62	...	...	6.1	5.8
355	190	Jones Stroud	355	...	8.0	3.0	15.5

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	432	-2	17.1	5.3	8.3
468	266	Eastern Elect	451	-6½	16.7	4.9	11.2
263	143	Hydro-Elect	248	-6	10.1	4.3	11.3
465	288	London Elect	449	-2	16.8	5.0	8.6
514	324	Manweb	507	-4	18.2	4.8	7.3
485	287	Midlands Elec	480	-3	17.2	4.8	10.1
504	295	Northern Elec	499	-3	18.5	5.0	7.4
504	298	Norweb	495	-1	17.7	4.8	9.3
247	142	Scottish Power	229	-6	10.1	4.5	11.3
504	297	Seeboard	498	-3	17.2	4.7	8.8
539	313	Sth Wales	521	-2	19.4	5.0	8.3
494	293	Sth Western	480	-3	17.4	4.8	8.6
473	270	Southern Elec	457	-1	16.6	4.9	9.0
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	509	+2	17.7	4.7	9.4
319	188	National Powr	315	+3	9.1	3.9	10.4
320	196	PowerGen	318	+3	9.2	3.9	9.9

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD	64	...	...	6.3	8.9
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	436	...	14.4	4.4	16.7
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	203	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Flextech	85	...	...	...	8.4
204	108	Goveti	197	...	...	7.0	5.7
135	97	Ivory Sime	131½	+½	...	6.3	13.9
6½	3½	LIT	6	-½	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12	...	...	...	0.6
180	110	Lon Forfaiting	177	-1	...	6.5	-
84	34	Marakon	76	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
47	34	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Bro	250	...	...	2.7	17.7
19½	9½	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	283	-4	...	3.9	10.2
65	34	Singer & Fried	63	-2	2.5	5.3	13.8
938	575	Sotheby's	900	...	...	4.6	...
97	73	SIP Capital	97	+1	3.0	4.1	17.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1062½	Amer Express	1706½	+43½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	214	...	6.7	4.2	20.2
973	535	Henderson Ad	933	+3	41.0	5.9	20.5
107	50	Invesco MIM	107	+2	...	3.7	15.7
223	121	Jardine Strat	208	...	...	3.5	9.3
186	100½	MAI	186	+7	6.0	4.3	13.5
469	244	MAM	418	-2	11.5	3.7	16.7
755	460	M & G	743	...	20.0	3.6	19.8
148	81	Smith New Crt	145	-1	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	69	...	...	5.8	...

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	487	+5	14.0	3.8	11.2
66	21½	ASDA Group	62	+½	...	3.4	20.0
238	75	Acatos & Hutch	237	+1	6.5	4.0	12.5
73	31	Albert Fisher	68	+1	3.7	7.4	15.3
432	273	Argyll	358	-6	9.7	3.6	14.1
51	11	Ashley Group	20	...	0.7	5.0	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
194	143	Banks (S C)	194	+2	8.2	5.8	9.6
346	200	Barr (AG)	343	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Benson Crisps	92	...	...	4.1	9.8
137½	50	Berisford Intl	125	-1	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	423	+2	21.7	6.9	10.6
44	28	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	430	...	5.7	1.8	18.0
51	31	Budgen	42	...	...	...	14.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	456	-2	12.5	3.7	16.8
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
256	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick	185	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	17½	+1	0.5	3.8	9.4
435	250	Dalepak	300	...	6.0	2.7	13.3
491	352	Dalgety	460	-2	19.5	5.8	13.2
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
132½	82½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	83	-1	4.1	6.7	15.5
95	68	Fyffes	95	...	...	1.8	11.6
440	249	Geest	428	+3	7.9	2.5	16.2
12	5	Global	9	...	...	7.4	8.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	172	+8	6.1	4.7	10.4
200	68	Hillsdown	155	+2	8.8	7.6	9.3
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
685	412	Iceland Frozen	683	+5	8.5	1.7	18.3
142	103	JLI Group	123	...	4.5	4.9	17.7
853	514	Kwik Save	840	-2	16.0	2.5	17.6
286½	169	Low (Wm)	243	...	8.4	4.6	11.8
74	29	Matthews (B)	49	...	4.5	...	10.4
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	159	-3	...	0.6	24.9
525	318	Nichols (JN)	525	...	12.3	3.1	15.0
317½	215	Nthn Foods	262	+1	...	4.0	14.4
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fn	19	...	...	...	7.9
193	132	Nurdin Peack	178	-3	5.5	4.2	12.1
226	78½	Park Foods	225	+2	3.2	1.9	26.9
155	45	Perkins Food	92	+1	4.3	6.2	8.0
96½	21	PizzaExpress	73	...	...	0.9	42.0
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	513	+9	8.7	2.3	21.5
61	33	Sentry Farm	37	...	...	3.6	8.6
340	175	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	429½	+5½	12.0	3.7	15.8
296	194½	Tesco	229	-4	6.3	3.7	10.9
211	152	Thorntons	209	...	3.6	2.3	19.5
163	83	Tresn	162	...	...	3.0	18.2
368	192	Unigate	343	-11	15.3	5.9	12.2
440	222	Utd Biscuits	367	+8	15.3	5.6	12.8
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	300	...	13.3	5.5	16.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Ed Ho	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Rest	82	-1	1.4	2.4	23.0
262	112	Forte	192	+1	0.9	6.9	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	173	...	5.5	4.2	13.9
12	3	Harmony Leis	8	+1	...	...	...
114	87½	Jurys Hotel	88	-6	...	7.0	10.3
267	126	Ladbroke	190½	-1½	11.1	7.8	15.7
73	37½	Mandarin Ornti	73	...	...	4.7	19.2
92	26	Queens Moat	51½	+½	2.8	7.5	6.9
118	51½	-do- 7% cnpr	96	...	7.5	10.4	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	51	...	3.4	9.0	10.0
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	720	+2	7.0	1.3	...
48	23	Stakis	40	...	...	1.3	-

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	222	...	...	4.5	11.7
636	460	AAH	524	-2	16.3	4.2	16.6
203	122	ADA	145	...	6.5	6.0	9.0
136	76	APV	122	...	5.4	5.9	22.0
165	50	ASW	130	...	9.0	...	24.6
151	86	Adwest	151	+1	7.0	6.2	21.5
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
128	38	Alexdra W	128	+5	3.6	3.8	69.2
22	9	Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
468	358	Alumasc	464	...	11.0	3.2	14.2
32	9	Alvis	20	-½	1.0	4.6	6.0
430	308	Amber Ind	430	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
38	13	Amberley Gp	33	...	...	4.0	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	153	...	4.4	4.0	...
893	503	Amalgasta	868	-22	...	2.2	21.2
50½	29½	Armour	49½	...	...	2.4	12.8
168	120	Asn & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
3½	1½	Asn Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
553	300	Avon Rubber	554	...	16.5	4.0	-
195	100	Assoc Nursg	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	445	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	48	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	161	...	7.5	6.2	20.7
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	57	...	5.0	11.7	2.4
774	583	BOC	753	-7	23.2	4.1	16.5
76	51½	BSO	71	-1½	3.2	6.0	19.2
422	296	BSS Group	409	...	...	5.8	16.3
574	381	BTR	554	+3	16.5	4.0	19.5
221	115	BWI	220	...	8.7	4.1	24.3
70	26½	Babcock	35	...	3.1	...	7.3
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	261	-1	8.9	4.5	10.8
1007½	550	Barlow Rand	662½	...	...	5.7	3.4
43	7	Barrett (H)	7	...	2.0	...	18.2
63	37	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	1.3	2.9	19.8
35	10	Beaufort	15	+1	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	7½	...	...	8.9	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	23	...	...	...	...
27½	13	Benson Group	26	...	0.1	0.5	23.0
687	444	Bespak	687	+1	9.0	1.7	21.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	127	-3	9.7	10.8	7.1
184	84	Billam (J)	177	...	4.2	3.2	8.1
55	28	Bilston Batrsea	32	...	...	...	19.0
77½	3½	Birmid Ind	9½	...	0.6	...	...
43	20	Black Arrow	30	...	2.1	7.2	9.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
180	103	Black (Peter)	173	...	2.0	2.3	17.7
185	32	Bluebird Toys	160	...	...	...	...
570	361	Bodycote	526	-3	9.2	2.3	18.6
571	398	Boots	483	-2	12.4	3.4	18.1
84	40	Booth Inds	54	-1	3.2	7.9	5.6
509	298	Bowater	405	+2	11.5	3.2	22.6
1682	905	Bowtes Inc	1305	+6	...	...	...
239	126	Boxmore Intl	227	...	...	2.0	21.0
20	13	Bramway	14	...	0.5	5.5	18.1
274	186	Brammer	248	-2	13.0	7.0	17.1
33	11	Bridgend Gp	14½	...	1.2	...	0.5
103	34	Bridon	82	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	65	+1	4.1	8.4	12.2
40	23	Brierley Inv	39	...	...	8.1	9.6
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
42	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
477	348	Br Polythene	476	...	9.8	2.5	14.5
86	43½	Br Steel	77	+½	...	1.7	73.3
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.5	...
296	212	Br Vita	257	-3	...	3.7	16.9
13	5½	Brittion Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
691	429	Broken Hill	691	+8	...	2.6	32.8
128½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	106	-1½	4.0	5.0	14.6
15	3	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174½	63	Bullough	107	...	6.0	7.5	18.3
37	15	Business Tech	22	...	...	...	26.5
35	12	CI Group	22	...	2.0	12.4	9.0
66	14	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	10½	+½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	233	...	10.5	6.0	14.9
202	130	Carclo Eng	201	...	7.8	5.2	16.9
2695	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2663	...	...	3.4	8.3
80	55	Cawdy Bros	72	...	...	...	...
195	118	Castings	159	...	4.0	3.4	11.3
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	120	...	6.0	6.7	7.2
707	467	Charter Cons	648	-4	21.5	4.4	15.6
290	176	Chemring	255	...	...	4.1	15.4
120	74	Chieftain Gp	74	...	...	8.8	8.2
39	18	Chillington	25	-1	0.5	2.7	...
170	90	Christies Int	154	...	3.3	...	...
53	33	Claybithe	48	...	2.5	6.9	...
140	80	Clayton Son	85	-3	3.0	4.7	...
7	½	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
287	188	Community H	302	-2	6.5	4.3	12.6
236	126	Concentric	230	...	...	3.2	18.4
335	86	Cook (Wm)	142	-5	10.0	...	9.5
213	101	Cookson	207	...	6.0	3.9	28.8
60	35	Copymore	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
240	176	Crowll Pkr 'A'	215	...	5.7	3.5	16.2
178	118	Coalt	171	+1	10.7	8.4	26.0
250	180	Creighton Nl	210	...	...	4.4	15.2
30	20	CrestaCare	30	...	0.7	3.1	19.4
3456½	1456½	Dana	3162½	-50	...	...	...
643	168	Danka Bs Sys	630	...	3.7	0.8	19.4
13	5	Davies (DY)	13	...	...	...	...
707	474	De La Rue	652	-1	15.0	3.1	20.0
25	10	Dinkie Heel	24	...	0.9	5.7	11.4
444	263	Diploma	423	-2	9.3	3.1	22.0
88	43	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
66	54	-do- 'A'	65	+1	5.0	10.3	9.3
18	8	ERG	17	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	406	...	11.7	3.8	15.1
29	9½	EIT Gp	9½	...	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
37	25	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2025	-12½	...	2.9	-
480	45	Elliott (B)	62	+1	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	436	-3	20.0	6.1	15.0
2125	900	Ericsson 'B'	2112½	+12½	...	1.6	-
91	49	Erskine Hse	51	+1	6.6	17.4	5.3
101	29	Eurotherm	39	...	1.6	5.5	15.1
158	29	Expamet	65	-1	10.3	...	7.7
570	302	Fairey Group	567	...	9.0	2.1	18.8
108	61	Falmer	88	...	4.2	6.4	16.6
61	18	Ferraris Group	54	...	...	2.5	12.3
1½	½	Ferromet	1½	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	224	-1	8.7	5.2	16.3
61	28	Flexwllnn	32	...	15.8	...	...
255	200	Flogas	245	...	...	4.1	10.0
50	30	Folkes Group nv	43	...	2.3	7.4	8.7
74	42	French (Thomas)	70	-3	3.6	6.9	35.1
595	288	Frost Group	550	...	2.0	0.5	35.5
115	63	GEI Int	82	...	7.3	11.9	16.9
482	281	GKN	462	-4	20.5	5.9	29.5
93	40	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	6.0	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	136	+5	8.2	8.4	5.7
58	21	Glevs	27	...	...	...	19.5
943	632	Glaxo	645	-7	17.0	3.6	17.6
27½	14	Glenchewton	23	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	266	...	11.6	5.8	26.2
97	63	Goode Durrant	83	-2	5.4	8.7	17.6
199	79	Grampian Hd	109	-3	5.5	6.7	14.1
400	192	Granada	389	-3	7.7	2.6	20.7
320	245	Great Sthrn	320	...	...	4.2	13.8
125	75	Green (Ernst)	82	...	11.4	11.3	...
11	6	Greenacre	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
20	6	Guardian Orp	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Hadsn MacLn	40	+1	8.0	...	6.3
83	43	Hadleigh Inds	72	...	8.6	8.3	12.4
169	97	Hall Eng	139	...	...	...	...
254	148	Halma	245	-2	2.2	1.2	30.3
53	29	Hampson Ind	38	...	2.3	...	10.3
265½	184½	Hanson	249½	...	...	6.2	12.5
241	138	Harris (Philip)	239	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
173	104	Harrisn Crsfld	167	...	9.0	7.2	28.8
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Leis	2½	...	...	...	...
51	17	Hay (Norman)	41	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.2	11.6
437	211	Hepworth	335	+1	14.8	5.9	13.3
190	116	Hewitt (J)	188	...	3.0	2.1	-
283	23	High-Point	21	-3	1.3	7.5	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	127	...	6.0	6.3	-
10	3	Hobson	9	...	...	...	...
102	69	Holders Tech	101	...	...	8.1	13.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	38	...	3.7	...	11.0
232	142	Hornby	142	-½	...	8.5	11.1
33	6½	Hospital Crp	11	...	...	9.7	3.0
72½	32	Howden	63	...	2.1	4.7	9.2
233	149	Hunting	233	...	10.0	5.7	18.1
950	285	Hunslgh Tec	853	-10	...	0.7	31.5
306	210	IMI	264	+1	10.0	5.1	18.2
96	49	ISA Intl	96	...	1.3	1.9	18.5
205	127	Intercare Gp	199	...	...	1.7	21.0
266	175	Isotron	245	...	3.9	2.1	16.7
498	259	Jardine Math	464	+13	...	2.4	13.4
532	317	Johnson Mattn	479	...	9.6	2.7	19.9
73	44½	Johnson & FB	54½	-1	3.0	7.3	16.8
207	115	Johnston	115	...	9.0	...	54.2
62	14	Jones Shipman	23	...	...	...	...
35	19	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	37	+½	...	...	30.5
140½	73	Kalon	140½	...	3.2	3.0	22.7
458	253	Kelsey Ind	288	...	13.0	6.0	...
550	450	Kershaw (A)	543	...	27.0	6.9	27.2
108	44	Kleen-Eze	95	+5	...	...	...
85	30	LGW	85	...	...	1.8	29.5
343	229	Laird	279	-5	...	4.9	13.5
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	122	-4	5.9	6.4	51.8
131	86	Lilleshall	129	...	4.0	4.1	13.7
126	71	Lincat	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Hse	13	-½	...	...	...
128	61	Linread	101	...	3.5	...	14.3
193	120	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
36	10½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.1	3.0	14.0
19½	10	Locker (T) A	18½	...	1.0	7.2	58.3
316	157½	Lon Intl	218	-1	9.4	5.8	14.8
180	57	Lonrho	88½	+1½	...	6.0	...
316	218	Low & Bonar	315	...	9.1	3.9	-
323	200	MB-Caradon	311	-3	8.5	3.6	24.4
159	108½	-do- pf	156	...	7.2	6.2	...
49	12	ML Hldgs	19	...	1.8	...	18.3
50	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
50	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
265	171	Macfarlane	265	...	4.2	2.1	25.1
401	220	McKechnie	399	-1	14.7	4.9	20.8
119	72	McLeod Russel	92	...	6.0	8.7	11.2
12½	6½	Maddox	8½	-½	...	...	...
95	55	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	48.3
98	66	Mang Bronze	75	...	1.0	1.8	...
34½	15	Marling	23½	-1	0.3	...	...
174	87	Mayhorn	166	...	...	3.4	14.2
41½	29	Mayflower	40½	...	...	1.3	20.0
301	150	Medeva	210	+8	1.5	1.0	20.8
108	66	Meggitt	97	...	3.6	4.9	14.5
125	90	Metalrax	115	...	...	4.1	15.2
137	68	Molsec	75	...	...	6.7	...
58	27	Midsmaes	55	...	...	7.3	9.0
22½	14	Mining & Ald	17½	...	0.5	3.8	...
430	285	Molins	430	...	12.7	4.0	11.5
345	220	Morgan Cble	321	-1	12.6	5.2	15.7
145	70	Morris Ashby	136	...	...	4.6	11.8
31	14	Neepsend	26	...	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.2
131	66	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	62	Norcros	144	+2	7.0	6.5	24.7
81	26	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	315	...	...	8.5	8.7
53	31	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	31½	...	1.7	7.4	...
155	135	PCT	135	...	...	6.9	12.3
51	47	Pacer Systems	48	...	...	7.6	...
147	94	Pentland	121	...	2.2	2.5	17.4
380	260	Photo-Me	378	...	4.4	1.6	19.3
169	67	Pilkington	109	-3	6.0	7.3	39.7
34	19	Platon	25	...	...	...	...
79	39	Plansbrook	73	...	...	5.5	10.7
147	93	Polypipe	147	+3	1.9	1.8	22.0
504	335	Portals	494	+3	13.8	3.7	16.1
65	18	Porter Chadbrn	30	...	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1½	Porth Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
363	204	Powerscreen	348	+1	6.0	2.3	19.7
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	5.1	9.8
49	10½	RPS Group	42	...	...	...	14.0
100	70	Radiant Metal	95	...	...	...	...
134	31	Ramco Oil	134	+6	...	2.0	...
772	444	Rank Org	684	-6	31.0	6.2	18.1
39	6	Ransomes	26	+1	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	617	+3	15.1	3.3	14.6
100	40	Record	68	...	3.6	7.1	13.1
9½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	3.1
169	105	Relyon	167	...	4.9	3.0	21.7
313	248	Renishaw	287	-1	6.3	3.0	22.0
68	44	Renold	56	...	1.2	2.4	...
1438	982	Reuters	1347	+22	...	2.1	22.4
37	22½	Rexmore	27½	...	1.7	8.5	6.8
155	56	Ricardo Group	111	+1	5.7	6.3	28.3
81	50	Richard (Leics)	59	...	4.4	9.9	5.9
69	47	Richardson West	64	...	2.9	6.0	15.3
130	97	Ropner	123	...	8.2	8.9	6.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.6	8.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	35	...	0.4	1.7	10.2
441	258	Rotork	430	...	10.0	3.0	23.3
135	85	Rubicon	122	...	...	...	...
100	56	Russell (A)	56	...	2.1	5.1	29.6
21	14	SEP Indi	19	...	0.0	4.6	-
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	675	...	...	5.9	...
272	102	Sanderson Elec	232	-3	9.0	5.2	9.9
56	32	Savage	49	-2	...	0.7	64.5
45	29	Saville Grdn (J)	43	-1	2.2	6.9	15.8
243	158	Senga	243	...	5.8	2.9	19.8
245	188	Senoli	225	-1	6.0	3.5	16.2
17	2½	Scot Heritable	5½	-½	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	965	...	2.6	0.4	-
668	409	-do- 'A'	620	...	2.6	0.6	-
565	367	Security Serv	520	+3	5.0	1.3	-
91	58½	Senior Eng	89½	...	3.1	4.7	14.8
381	253	Seton Health	346	-2	...	2.0	22.2
72	42	Sheldon Jones	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	91	...	2.7	4.0	24.7
361	223	Sidlaw	333	-2	10.0	4.0	15.5
500	257	Siebe	470	-3	...	2.6	19.8
284	188	Silentnight	284	...	8.0	3.4	15.8
121	68	Sime Darby	118	...	...	3.8	14.5
304	69	Simon Eng	118	-2	15.7	17.7	15.5
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	257	...	7.0	3.5	6.5
53	37	Six Hundred	47	+1	2.5	7.1	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	150	+1	4.4	3.5	18.9
566	396	SmithKline	441	+1	...	2.6	17.2
503	353	SmithKline Uts	388	+1	...	3.4	15.1
394	255	Smiths Ind	349	-3	11.2	4.3	14.2
140	70	Sthn Bus	84	+5	3.3	5.4	7.9
350	265	Spandexa	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
370	230	Spear (JW)	300	...	10.0	4.4	9.3
345	231	Spirax-Sarco	345	+2	9.0	3.5	21.6
181	83	Spring Ram	123	...	0.2	0.3	16.3
270	158	Staveley	243	...	8.2	4.5	11.9
147	102	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
14½	9	Stonehill	11	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	136	...	8.8	8.6	12.1
319	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	301	+8	...	2.5	22.1
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
305	232	Syltone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
198	98	T & N	189	...	10.8	7.7	35.7
372	251	TI	283	...	10.2	4.5	15.2
25	10	TLS Range	15	...	...	4.4	...
366	167	TT Group	265	...	...	3.0	17.2
249	170	Takare	242	+1	1.5	0.8	24.9
754	405	Takeda Chem	754	+10	...	0.6	20.0
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)	78	...	...	8.9	9.1
205	85	Tinne	203	...	...	2.3	17.7
271	195	Tomkins	261	-5	...	3.2	18.3
169	39	Trafalgar H	78½	...	3.2	6.0	5.5
161	36	-do- 'A'	79½	...	...	...	...
514½	266½	Transtec Tech	425	...	...	4.1	11.7
169	127½	Triplex Lloyd	166	...	7.0	5.6	15.4
253	165	UniChem	239	-1	5.0	2.8	17.7
330	250	Unidare	310	...	...	6.6	11.6
24	8½	Unigroup	19	...	...	...	...
1208	806	Unilever	1208	+19	33.8	2.3	-
7787½	5375	Unilever (NV)	7787½	+134½	...	2.7	12.5
625	365	VSEL	608	-12	25.0	5.5	7.0
15	2½	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	127	-3	6.0	...	28.7
409	260	Victaulic	366	...	...	2.7	17.4
359	231	Vinten	335	-2	6.6	2.5	19.1
522	240	Vosper Thorny	490	...	13.1	3.6	11.8
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	429	...	...	5.3	16.6
78	45	Walker Greenbk	74	...	3.1	5.6	17.6
234	130	Wassall	234	+1	...	1.4	28.4
34	15	Wyrfod Wdgwd	26	...	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	651	+1	10.5	2.2	18.9
1174	777	Wellcome	871	-5	13.0	2.0	24.1
39	23	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
485	390	Whatman	485	...	8.7	2.4	17.5
339	201	Wheway	313	-1	...	3.4	12.2
34	4	Wheway	9½	-½	1.0	14.0	...
143	15	Whitecroft	40	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	48	-1	10.0	...	2.6
379	222	Williams Hldg	359	+½	12.3	4.6	18.2
23½	8½	Wilshaw	22½	...	0.4	2.4	18.4
595	287	Wolseley	557	+7	12.5	3.0	21.3
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	36	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	43	...	3.0	9.3	15.8

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1762½	+31½	...	3.0	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	4025	-100	...	3.8	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	44	...	4.4	13.3	21.4
168	83	Bradstock	143	...	5.1	4.9	17.2
1163	762	Britannic	1163	...	29.5	3.4	...
620	389	Coml Union	586	+11	...	5.7	...
1400	900	Dom & Gen	1400	...	...	1.7	23.1
31	18	FAI	21	...	...	...	...
612	336	Gen Accident	559	-8	26.7	6.4	...
188	108	GRE	186	...	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	360	...	16.0	5.9	21.2
188	104	Hogg Gp	185	-3	8.1	5.9	11.3
208	102	HR Group	185	-1	...	5.4	13.6
479	287	Legal & Gen	466	+4	18.8	5.4	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	991	+3	...	3.0	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	423	+7	17.3	5.5	-
279	160	Lloyd Thomp	279	+4	3.6	2.7	20.5
319	203	Londn & Man	318	-1	13.5	5.7	24.5
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	352	-2	12.6	4.8	14.0
6743½	3931½	Marsh McLn	6437½	-143½	...	2.9	...
154	93	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	59	...	4.0	9.0	-
325	199	Prudential	317	+8	11.0	4.6	27.5
913	564	Refuge	913	...	29.0	4.2	40.9
298	118	Royal	285	...	5.0	2.4	...
240	100	Sedgwick	160	-1	6.0	5.1	18.9
321	162	Steel Burrill	237	...	13.2	7.5	15.0
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	63	+1	8.2	17.5	6.4
358	214	Sun Alliance	316	-3	14.2	6.0	...
61	20	Trade Indemnity	53	...	...	...	...
276	165	Transatlantic	278	...	12.0	5.9	-
605	305	Utd Friendly	605	+2	12.3	2.7	30.7
274	144	Willis Corroon	178	+1	13.2	9.9	20.0
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1689	1218	Alliance	1655	+4	43.0	3.5	38.2
258	152	Amer Trust	244	+2	4.9	2.1	-
335	229	Ang & Oseas	331	...	6.8	2.8	-
136½	98½	BZW Conv	133	+½	7.8	7.8	13.6
150	104	Bankers	146	+1	3.4	3.1	40.1
298	210	Baring Tribne	285	...	6.4	3.1	...
172	116	Berry Starq	145	...	2.0	1.8	49.0
106½	71½	Br Assets	101	+½	4.1	5.5	24.7
64½	46½	Br Empire Sec	64	+½	0.8	1.9	65.0
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
171	123	Br Inv	165	...	4.5	3.6	41.4
166	125	Contl Assets	163	+1	2.4	2.0	-
230	161	Derby Inc	161	-2	16.6	13.8	-
235	140	-do- Cap	230	+2	...	...	...
119	65	Drayton Asia	116	+1	0.7	0.8	...
90	59	-do- Blue Chip	70	...	8.4	16.7	7.6
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	55	...	1.2	3.9	...
105	61	-do- Far East	105	+2	0.6	0.8	...
101	81	-do- Korea	99	...	...	...	...
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	610	+1	25.4	5.7	-
575	407	-do- Wwde	573	+3	9.5	2.2	59.0
278	203	Dundee & Lon	253	...	12.0	6.3	23.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.8	8.5
54	47½	-do- Div Pf	52½	-½	...	...	...
274	199	Edinburgh	257½	+1½	8.0	4.2	31.5
154	107	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.7	48.7
91	65	English Scot	91	...	...	...	...
247	186	European Asset	247	+2	...	3.1	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
280	162	Fleming Amer	271	+3	0.7	0.3	-
411	302	-do- Claver	398	...	10.7	3.6	-
257	173	Do Contl	257	+2	2.8	1.5	...
162	119	-do- Entp	160	...	4.5	3.8	35.9
253	157	-do- F East	253	+1	1.5	0.8	...
200	198	-do- Fledg	200	+2	3.0	1.4	...
116	81	-do- Hi Inc	114	...	5.8	6.9	19.1
164	100	-do- Japan	159	+1	0.3	0.3	...
271	193½	-do- Merc	259	-1	6.7	3.4	37.1
342	165½	-do- Oseas	238	+1½	4.0	2.2	56.8
225	150	Foreign & Col	218½	+½	...	2.0	64.0
200	144	-do- Emrgtsl	200	+4	1.2	0.8	...
106	71	-do- German	104	...	0.4	0.5	...
222	134	-do- Pacific	222	+3	1.7	1.1	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	135½	+½	...	1.8	60.8
205	121	GT Japan	170	...	...	0.9	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	95	+2	...	...	...
129½	96	-do- Inc	109	...	...	10.3	-
145	63	Govett Am Smlr	128	+1	...	...	...
223	128	-do- Oriental	222½	...	0.9	0.5	...
239	150	-do- Strategy	237	+2	6.7	3.8	32.7
369	265	Greenfriar	366	...	6.3	2.3	-
28	½	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	51½	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	128	...	5.1	5.3	25.7
95	67	I&S UK Smlr	88	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
177	128	Kleinwort Chrt	175	+1	5.0	3.8	34.1
201	134½	-do- O'seas	195	+1	3.3	2.3	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	117	...	...	4.6	23.1
580	433	Law Debenture	571	+1	...	4.1	30.0
170	137½	Majedie	169	...	...	3.7	32.7
246	176	Merchants	241	...	...	5.9	22.2
4925	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4600	+187½	...	...	...
429	296	Monks Inv Tst	425	+1	6.7	2.1	57.2
116	81	Morg Gren Inc	113	...	...	5.4	22.4
27	13	Do Warrants	26	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	44	...	0.4	1.4	...
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	223	Murray Income	309	...	...	4.6	29.4
304	216	-do- Intl	304	+2	11.4	5.1	-
300	213	-do- Small	300	+2	4.0	1.8	64.6
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	100	...	...	14.1	9.7
66	54	-do- S/C Cap	60	...	...	...	...
2450	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2400	...	...	4.9	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	144½	-1	...	...	...
258	199	-do- Vent	254	...	10.3	5.4	20.0
70	44½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
103	61	Nthrop Inc	84	...	6.7	10.9	11.6
283	167	Oseas Inv Tst	273	...	2.8	1.3	79.0
360	173	Pacific Assets	355	-1	1.1	0.4	-
264	90	Do Warrants	257	+2	...	...	...
8250	5750	Personal Assets	8000	...	...	2.7	47.8
118	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	115	...	1.3	1.3	52.3
123	96	River & Merc	123	...	9.2	10.2	-
386	273	Robeco	380	...	...	3.5	...
376	268	Rolinco	370	...	...	2.2	...
239	194	St Andrew Inv	238	...	7.3	4.2	-
143	108	Scot American	141½	-1	4.3	4.7	-
873	429	Scot Asian	871	+22	...	...	...
71	49	-do- Eastern	70	-½	1.5	3.0	-
200	147	Scottish	193	-1	4.6	3.2	40.0
190	135	-do- Mtge	189	...	3.9	2.8	44.5
77½	48	-do- Value	77½	...	...	3.1	55.2
1493	1086	Second Allnce	1473	+3	36.5	3.3	39.2
82½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	...	2.2	5.3	27.2
125	78	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.3	43.4
20	9½	Sphere Inv	18½	...	...	...	...
139	76	TR Far East	135	...	4.5	4.4	29.6
157	97½	TR City Of Lon	133½	+½	4.7	4.8	28.0
134½	70	TR Pacific	134	+1½	0.3	0.3	-
22	14½	TR Property	20	...	1.4	...	58.8
68	38	TR Tech Inv	62	...	1.7	3.8	30.8
167	96	TR Smlr Cos	163	-1	3.7	3.0	47.7
315	226	Temple Bar	314	+1	13.2	5.8	-
88	51	Thrgtn Asian E	87	...	0.5	0.8	...
66	36	Throgmorton	60	...	3.3	5.2	-
410	264	Thrng Dual Cp	408	...	...	...	...
191	127	USDC Invest	167	+1	4.2	3.0	30.6
89	56	Value Inc Tst	86½	...	...	5.5	22.9
627	463	Witan & Inv	551	-5	15.0	3.6	30.6
195	139	Witan	189½	-½	5.6	3.9	31.2

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	306	+4	7.2	3.2	10.8
86	17	Ald Leis	52	...	4.7	...	14.9
245	145	Anglia TV	225	-4	...	4.2	20.3
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
113	70	Border TV	96	...	...	3.7	12.6
13	4	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
13	2	Buckingham Int	4½	...	2.1	...	1.1
448	230	Campari	261	...	...	5.7	7.1
226	125	Capital Radio	195	...	5.2	3.6	23.5
816	468	Carlton Comm	794	-1	...	2.9	25.9
230	135	Castle Comms	195	...	...	5.8	22.0
1925	1050	Central TV	1795	-5	30.5	2.3	23.1
88	45	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	580	...	12.3	2.8	16.7
350	273	Eurocamp	337	-1	9.7	4.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	1008	-33	...	1.2	...
10	5	Euro Leisure	5	...	...	...	9.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	25	...	...	...	...
449	110	Fairline Boats	276	...	10.5	5.1	...
365	259	First Leisure	341	+1	6.1	2.4	23.3
490	250	GWR Gp	488	-2	...	1.9	-
181	91	Grampian	174	-1	5.5	4.2	12.2
9	5	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	31	-1	3.7	...	...
108	30	Hi-Tec Sports	60	-2	5.5	...	3.8
15½	2½	Kunick	5½	...	...	...	...
339	220	LWT CP	337	-1	5.9	2.3	16.4
377	260	Man Utd	377	...	18.0	6.4	13.0
131	44½	Owners Abrd	131	+2	3.5	3.6	-
42½	19	The Pelican Gp	42½	...	...	3.1	14.6
130	50	Prism Leisure	125	...	...	3.0	13.8
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.0
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	134	...	...	4.5	-
502	202½	Scot TV	494	-6	...	2.2	31.8
66	40	Southern Radio	54	...	0.7	2.0	22.5
192	125	Stanley Leisure	197	+2	...	2.8	16.6
13	4	Smileigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	145	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
53	27	TSW	39	...	...	22.7	3.7
45	3½	TVS	37	...	...	...	1.2
420	176	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	170	-1	7.5	5.9	4.8
10	1	Ticketing	1½	...	...	...	...
118	75	Tottenham Hot	101	-12	...	...	3.3
73	38	Trans World	64	...	...	...	...
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	19½	+½	1.8	...	...
19	4½	Whitegate	16	+½	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	123	-7	12.0	13.0	3.7
130	80	Zeners Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1900	Am Gold	2200	...	...	8.2	12.2
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	-25	...	7.9	5.6
2375	1062½	Ang Am	1450	-46½	...	5.3	9.0
14½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	14	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	66	-2	...	10.3	3.3
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	341	-7	...	13.2	7.4
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	622	+6	...	2.9	-
38	9	Cliff Res	15	...	...	1.0	8.9	22.4
1662½	581½	De Beers	1025	...	...	...	8.4
125	37½	Deelkraal	54	...	...	12.4	2.7
46	7	Doornfontein	13	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	546	-11	...	8.8	9.0
375	120	Durban	192	+1	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	61	...	...	19.0	1.8
154	62	E Daggs	73	...	...	...	5.4
168	54	E Rand Prop	149	+1	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	183	...	...	7.4	...
535	272	FS Cons	480	-7	...	11.1	4.8
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	956	-7	...	4.7	13.6
222	121	Gencor	146	-2	...	6.8	11.3
46½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	42	+½	...	3.3	10.3
13	2	Greenwich R 'A'	12½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	58	...	...	20.4	-
368	78	Harmony	178	...	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	129	...	...	...	4.4
14	5	Inoco	12½	-½	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	601	...	...	...	12.2
8	2½	Kenmare Res	7	+½	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	472	+11	...	11.9	4.6
624	203	Kloof	498	-11	...	4.0	7.6
60	21½	Leslie	41	+1	...	11.3	3.7
71	12	Loraine	34	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	110½	...	...	2.1	50.6
955	559	Minorco	883	-2	...	4.3	10.4
111	66	Nth Broken Hill	110	+2	...	4.5	-
1201	598	Orange Free	1075	-34½	...	13.0	8.6
688	469	RTZ	659	+10	19.5	3.9	19.9
1287½	375	Rand Mines	512½	...	...	12.6	2.1
230	75	Rand Min Prp	105	...	...	17.8	4.6
334	136	Randfontein	218	...	...	8.8	3.0
221	105	Renison	155	-2	...	2.9	15.1
1212½	812½	Rustnbrg	1012½	+75	...	5.0	14.4
430	183	St Helena	341	+2	...	7.8	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	750	...	...	8.6	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	38	...	...	14.9	...
183	43	Unisel	98	+1	...	3.4	8.8
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2700	-100	...	9.0	-
324	154	Welkom	279	-8	...	12.9	7.7
99½	26	Western Areas	43	+1	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	1100	...	...	6.4	-
228	164	Wstrn Mining	228	+5	...	...	...
630	255	Winkels	428	+2	...	2.6	3.2
77	16	Zambia Copper	77	...	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	22	-1	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	100	...	7.8	10.4	73.8
249	130	Bletchley Mtr	249	+8	8.2	7.3	14.0
145	115	Bossom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	267	+6	7.0	3.5	...
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	13.0
9½	3	Coverdale	7½	+½	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtr	108	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)	20	...	...	...	...
200	99	Cowie (T)	194	...	4.8	3.4	14.6
133	75	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
139	85	Davnprt Vern	139	+4	4.0	3.9	-
264	130	ERF	209	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	106	-2	...	1.9	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	259	...	11.2	5.8	24.1
283	163	FR Group	255	...	6.6	3.5	12.2
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3212½	+112½	...	...	...
2875	1681½	General Mtr	2643½	-81½	...	1.9	...
53	38	Gowrings	45	-1	2.0	5.9	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
786	466	Honda Motor	757	+10	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	77	...	4.5	7.8	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	105	-1	3.3	4.3	10.4
326	175	Lex Service	309	-6	10.0	4.3	...
128	74	Lookers	111	-1	6.2	7.7	...
153	77	Lucas	140	-2	7.0	6.7	...
203	169	Pendragon	203	...	6.0	3.0	23.5
175	103	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
135	56	Quicks Group	135	...	3.0	3.0	24.9
176	88	Rolls-Royce	132	+4	7.2	7.3	25.0
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	136	-4	4.0	4.0	20.8
151	93	Westland	151	+5	4.2	3.8	13.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
126	73	Adscene	126	+1	4.0	4.3	13.2
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
589	398	Blenheim Gp	589	+3	9.0	2.0	22.1
330	348	Bristol	282	...	11.5	5.4	20.9
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7925	+75	13.0	2.2	17.8
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7900	+50	13.0	2.2	17.8
301	193	Dorling Kind	285	...	...	1.4	22.2
365	224½	EMAP	337	...	...	3.0	21.9
983	533	Euromoney Pb	968	...	29.5	4.1	21.8
213	125	Harrington K	213	-7	...	2.8	22.3
358	155	Haynes Pub	320	...	6.0	2.5	13.6
238	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	26.5
183	105	Home Counts	159	...	8.2	6.5	24.3
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
430	295	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	15.1
480	289	Johnston Press	480	...	5.5	1.5	22.7
273	186	Menzl Bullem	273	+5	7.4	3.6	22.1
125	49	Mirror Gp	101	...	...	...	9.6
361½	127½	News Corp	361	...	...	0.3	24.3
764	258	News Intl	752	...	3.9	0.7	13.0
459½	297	Pearson	391	-5	...	4.0	18.4
633	340	Portsmth Sund	630	...	8.6	1.8	16.2
682	447	Reed Int	650	+5	16.0	3.3	21.5
130	61	Southnews	130	...	...	1.5	38.3
127	79	Sterling Pub	127	+1	...	2.6	41.7
368	224	Telegraph	349	+5	11.0	4.3	-
815	565	Thomson Corp	745	...	25.2	4.5	12.7
347	222	Trinity Intl	318	...	...	3.5	18.7
62	39	Univ Group	34	...	...	...	...
543	323	Utd Nwspaprs	523	+6	21.0	5.4	17.9

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr	15½	+1½	...	...	...
34	11½	Aran Energy	23½	-½	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	42	...	...	...	...
53	22	Aur Oil & Gas	52	...	...	...	...
200	20	Aviva Pet	51	...	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	10	-½	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	172	...	7.1	5.5	19.0
295	223	British Gas	289	...	...	6.7	12.5
304	182	Br Petroleum	275½	...	...	5.1	34.6
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	463	Burmah Castrl	708	-7	24.0	4.5	16.2
75	21	Cairn Energy	46	...	...	...	...
253	164	Calor Gp	239	-4	12.0	6.7	15.7
80	20	Clyde Pet	50	-1	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	13	...	...	...	...
477	297	Enterprise	460	+7	15.7	4.6	32.7
103	25	Exp Co Louis	84	...	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	1.1	9.0
64	34	Goal Pet	63	-1	1.2	2.6	11.9
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
149	77	Hardy O & G	146	-2	1.0	0.9	45.8
32	7½	Kelt Energy	22	...	...	...	...
203	112	LASMO	174	+1	8.5	6.5	22.5
163	63	-do- Units	91	...	15.0	22.0	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	15	-½	...	...	...
42½	21	Monument	41½	-1	...	...	43.2
18½	5	New London	8½	-½	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	30	+1	...	...	...
14	8	Petroz	13½	...	...	...	...
109	57	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	14.3
31	10	Premier	28½	...	...	...	12.6
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	345	...	...	1.5	...
5950	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	5887½	-25	...	3.5	-
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4175	-50	...	2.0	...
59	41	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	583	+1	21.0	5.1	-
206	110	Sunrise Eng	202	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	39	...	...	...	...
10	6½	Villiers Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
172	131	Woodside	164½	+3½	...	2.2	...

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281	103	API	281	...	7.5	3.6	24.5
250	123½	Arjo Wiggins	166	...	8.3	...	13.5
454	365	Abbott Mead	454	...	8.4	2.5	22.8
3	½	Aeis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	13	Aegis Gp	13½	...	5.8	...	4.5
212	105	Aspen Comms	200	...	...	3.3	27.4
13	7	BBB Design	9½	...	...	...	...
341	180	Benrose	331	+1	11.7	4.7	16.9
60	19	Brindale	19	-2	0.2	1.4	16.1
138	80	Bunzl	134	-1	4.0	4.0	31.3
267	147	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	47	...	...	9.6	9.6
206	135	Cropper (Jmes)	184	...	5.0	2.2	20.9
41	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
73	30	Delyn Pckging	65	-3	1.4	3.0	12.9
149	78	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.3	15.0
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	42	...	...	...	10.8
15	9½	Elsrick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.5
68	38	Fairway Groups	54	+5	...	8.1	-
286	211	Ferguson Ind	272	...	12.5	6.1	15.7
106	25	Filofax	103	-1	...	0.5	25.7
48	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	69	...	...	9.7	13.5
308	194	Gold Greenless	298	-1	8.3	4.0	22.3
53	26	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
160	32½	Huntleigh	81	...	...	...	...
180	138	Interrupe	138	...	7.4	7.4	8.8
202	123	Jarvis Porter	201	-1	4.4	2.9	21.9
50	13	Lopes	32	-1	...	...	13.3
263	133	More O'Ferrall	212	-1	13.2	8.3	17.1
71	27	NMC Group	60	...	1.2	...	11.6
86	58	Osborne & Little	80	...	4.3	7.3	10.3
189	132	Quarto	170	...	5.2	3.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	335	...	5.2	2.1	22.8
345	115	Saatchi	189	-1	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	453	...	...	8.6	8.5
19½	1½	Serif	11	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	23½	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	323	...	9.5	3.9	14.3
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	286	+5	...	0.5	9.9
263	171	Star-Plus	212	+1	7.1	4.5	15.3
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	19	...	...	1.1	40.0
65	37	VTR	50	...	...	9.1	14.2
115	31	WPP	62	-2	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	68	-3	5.2	16.2	7.5
221	159	Waddington (J)	203	-1	7.9	5.2	15.3
589	301	Watmough	559	+2	10.5	2.4	25.7
4	½	Waverley Cam	½	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westporte	6	...	...	...	21.5
39	12	Whitney Mcke	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	64	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abacs Groups	1½	...	...	...	...
80	28	Allied Lon	55	...	3.5	8.6	47.5
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
145	64	Avonside	97	...	8.0	7.8	...
2575	1887½	BCE	2550	+37½	...	...	...
486	268	Billon	486	+6	18.0	4.9	17.5
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
168	108	Bradford	161	...	4.4	3.7	14.6
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	232	+6	6.3	3.6	21.4
188	108	Brixton	166	+2	8.1	5.8	14.2
55	44	Burford	45½	...	0.9	2.8	23.8
125	88	Cap & Regnl	121	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	...
435	103	Chesterfield	226	...	18.5	...	15.9
80	9	City Site Ests	21	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.0
32	8	Clayform	13	...	...	...	...
883	785	Daejan	878	...	25.0	3.8	13.7
4½	½	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	74	...	2.5	4.5	26.9
12	1	De Morgan	9	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.5
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	39	+3	1.0	3.4	28.3
348	188	Frogmore	345	...	15.0	5.8	18.0
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gt Portland	146	...	10.0	9.1	14.5
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	-½	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	128	+4	...	4.0	21.5
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	41	...	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	336	+1	10.0	4.0	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	322	...	10.0	4.1	15.4
150	69	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	21	...	...	...	...
175	85	Herring Baker	85	-1	7.0	11.0	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	480	-2	21.7	6.0	14.6
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	81	...	3.8	6.3	12.9
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	370	...	20.0	7.2	15.5
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	825	...	18.0	2.9	8.4
9	2½	Mowat	2	...	...	...	...
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	133	...	5.9	5.9	17.4
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Ossory Est	9	+1	0.1	2.2	2.6
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	105	...	3.7	4.8	20.9
122½	14½	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	...
4½	½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	14½	-½	1.5	13.6	2.9
10½	3½	Rugby Estates	7½	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	-
47	21	Savills	45	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	48	+2	1.5	4.2	...
68	39	Shaftesbury	68	+1	...	...	...
12½	3	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	83	Slough Estates	186	-1	8.1	5.9	10.5
78	36	Southend Prop	58	...	4.1	9.6	29.3
20½	2½	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	19½	...	...	...	...
90	58	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	60	...	2.5	5.7	16.2
35	7	UK Land	15	-4	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	192	...	10.5	7.6	16.9
245	175	Warnford	175	...	7.2	5.6	12.0
8	1	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	44	...	3.7	11.3	11.1
44	17	Wood John Ds	40	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13	...	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	98	-1	2.4	3.3	38.8
495	265	Lambert	495	+5	12.5	3.4	12.9
111	63	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	12.1
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	88	Stylo	126	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
475	362	Allied Text	475	+4	12.6	3.5	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	159	-3	8.5	7.1	12.6
119	30	Celestion	118	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	325	...	...	1.6	22.3
593	364	Courtauld Text	587	-3	13.0	3.0	17.3
248½	160	Dawson	224	-1	9.0	5.4	21.8
59	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	36	...	...	...	-
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
73	38	Jerome (S)	45	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	286	...	...	5.6	14.0
410½	205½	Leeds	401	...	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Lister	40	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	107	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
94	53	Parkland 'A'	81	...	2.0	3.3	...
95½	63	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
71	30	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
94	67	Sirdar	91	-1	5.1	7.5	15.8
53	19	Stirling Gp	53	...	1.6	4.2	22.0
59	31	Stoddard	50	...	2.6	7.0	13.3
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
5½	3	West Trust	5½	+1½	...	6.1	...
336	160	Yorklyde	330	...	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	942	-14	33.6	4.8	24.9
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	608	+2	10.2	2.2	13.9

TRANSPORT

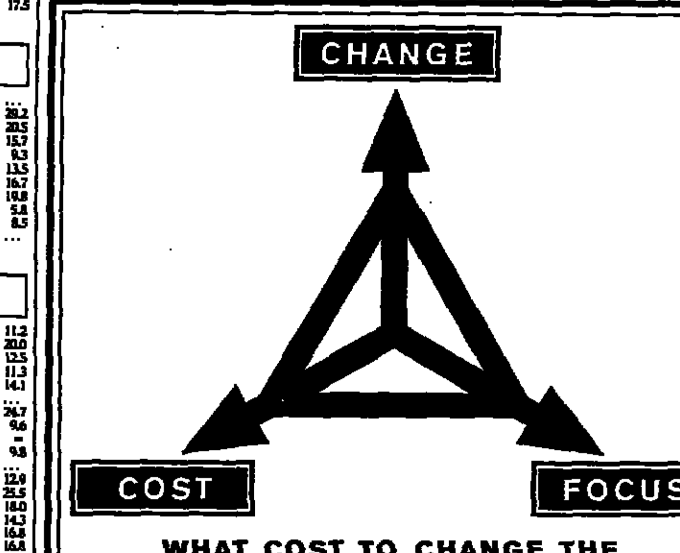
1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	377	...	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	767	-5	14.5	2.5	13.5
315	219	Br Airways	285	...	10.1	4.8	7.6
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
500	290	Eurotunnel Uts	500	+1	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	5.5	...	13.7
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	7.6
39	22	Jacobs (J)	30	...	1.9	8.4	17.9
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1512½	+75	45	0.4	8.2
334	190	Mersey Docks	333	...	7.5	3.0	-
210	168	Natl Express	201	-1	...	4.7	13.2
290	216	NFC	265	+1	6.5	3.3	20.1
357	170	Ocean Group	266	-2	14.3	7.2	12.0
63	31	Ocean Wilson	51	...	...	7.0	11.4
584	296½	P & O Dfd	546	-1	30.5	7.4	19.3
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	133	+2	...	5.5	...
523	267	Powell Duffryn	522	...	22.6	5.8	20.9
138	96	Seacon	125	-1	...	5.4	-
59	23½	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
81	24	TNT	34½	-1	...	...	...
745	495½	Tibbet & Brim	725	...	...	2.0	29.0
478	214	Tiphook	346	-1	17.3	6.7	6.9
307	208	TDG	295	+1	9.5	4.3	17.7

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	308½	Anglian Water	513	-6½	19.3	5.0	9.3
591	336	Northumbrian	584	-1	20.5	4.7	6.0
513	323	North West	491	-4½	19.6	5.3	8.6
500	298	Severn Trent	492	-5	19.3	5.2	7.2
516	301	Sthrn Water	499	-6	19.5	5.2	8.8
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1280	+5	40.2	4.2	8.3
527	306	South West	522	-1	21.7	5.5	7.9
523	324	Thames Water	516	-6	19.2	5.0	9.8
574	337	Welsh Water	568	-2	21.4	5.0	6.6
611	358½	Wessex Water	597	-6	...	4.4	8.1
563	336	Yorkshire W	556	-3	19.5	4.7	9.0

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Star dealer who works in the dark

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Endangered species: Andrew Colin is the trader who wrote the program for Citibank's computer

Next month the foreign exchange desk at Citibank in London will welcome a new trader who promises to bury for ever the wide-boy stereotype of currency speculators.

This dealer will not terrorise innocent pedestrians in the company Porsche, or get involved in embarrassing high jinks in City wine bars. A star performer but without the attendant ego problems. Citibank's new dealer is a neural network — a computer modelled on the connections in the human brain.

Citibank is among a handful of banks pouring money into neural networks, an advanced branch of artificial intelligence which, if the whizz-kid mathematicians creating these systems are to be believed, could one day usurp humans in dealing rooms entirely.

"I have heard it referred to recently as lights-out trading, after the automated factories run by robots that have no need for lights," says Andrew Colin, the foreign exchange trader who wrote Citibank's program.

> 'Trading could turn into a battle of mathematicians and their robots'

Unlike conventional computers, neural networks learn from past experience and modify their behaviour accordingly. They can be trained to spot patterns in sample data, then apply this learning to new data.

Until recently, the sci-fi image of neural networks has confined their development to research laboratories. But a number of government-sponsored and commercial initiatives are now bringing these supposedly thinking machines blinking into the limelight.

In September 1990, the London-based Centre for Exploitation of Science and Technology reported that neural network technology "will grow to have a profound impact on industrial and commercial competitiveness". In 1992, the trade department set up a three-year neural computing technology transfer programme with £6 million of government funding.

Commercial possibilities are emerging. The United States military has used neural networks to develop a self-driving vehicle for reconnaissance missions over dangerous terrain and medical researchers have established systems for monitoring critically ill patients.

In the financial sector, the powerful pattern-recognition capabilities of neural networks have also been identified as having strong potential for fraud detection. Mellon Bank in America, for example, uses a system to monitor suspicious credit-card transactions. Other applications tipped to go into use include voice and face recognition and signature verification systems.

But the real goldmine may lie in forecasting. A neural network is tremendously efficient at sifting through huge volumes of data, carefully weighing its significance and discerning any hidden patterns. In an environment where the ability to spot a trend and capitalise on it can lead to profits of millions of pounds the significance of neural networks has not been missed. Computers trained to predict market shifts and to suggest deals are continually being tested in conditions of utmost secrecy by leading banks in Europe, Japan and the US. In Britain, Neural Computer Sciences (NCS), a software house, claims that eight banks are now testing its system in the foreign exchange markets. "Our clients want to keep their work highly confidential," says Nick Hallwood, NCS's marketing manager. "They believe that it may give them a competitive edge."

This particular product makes buy and sell recommendations for execution every 15 minutes. Trial runs give the system a 65 per cent success rate. Comparisons with human hit rates are not easy. "It is an emotive subject," Mr Hallwood says. "Some people say that a very good trader gets it right 80 per cent of the time, but I'm doubtful. The banks we are talking to say that the average is closer to 55 per cent."

Another product is Day Trade Workbench from Intelligent Trading Systems (ITS), a British company. This is a neural network designed for trading in volatile conditions and was trained on the market characteristics of the four weeks before the pound plunged through the floor of the exchange rate mechanism. The outcome was a trading profit that recorded a buy and sell accuracy of 70 per cent. Two banks are said to be waiting to use its package.

Although Citibank's system was operating in a test environment during the severe market turbulence last October, Mr Colin claims that a rival bank earned an entire year's return in one week's hectic trading using a neural network. "It appears that, even with simple assumptions made about the market, a hybrid system based on a genetic algorithm and a neural network can outperform most human traders," he says.

The Citibank system will run autonomously. Using the tool purely as a trader support mechanism is "usually fatal", he says. "If you allow the trader to make an interpretation of the model's recommendation, you throw away any advantage given to you by the machine."

Other bankers are more circumspect. Malcolm Blazey, a manager on the strategic trading desk at Lloyds Bank, has experimented with neural networks and says the experience is "like having a highly qualified assistant by your side as you trade. It can make well-informed decisions about the state of the market, but also highly accurate decisions about the level of risk in the market".

Mr Blazey concedes the possibility of a future in which neural networks are a common feature in dealing rooms around the world. "But if they start trading patterns, a group of astute, seasoned traders will come in and murder them," he says.

Citibank's Mr Colin is more enthusiastic. "It would", he says, "be a battle of the robots in which teams of mathematicians in the major banks would compete with each other to write the best algorithms."

My learned box of tricks

Lawyers are about the last people most of us would think of putting in charge of our computers because they are often thought verbose and given to obscurantism.

Robert Kowalski, professor of computational logic at London's Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, disagrees. In fact he thinks that the next generation of computer scientists should be recruited from the law, not mathematics.

At their best, says Professor Kowalski, who has just published a paper drawing parallels between legislation and logic programming, lawyers are capable of a clarity and precision of expression that matches that of mathematicians. But lawyers have an advantage over those same mathematicians, he says, in that they comm-unicate in English, a language accessible to us all rather than only to a closed circle of the initiated.

> 'Lawyers would make ideal program writers'

Best of all, he says, are legal draftsmen. What they are really doing when they draft laws is writing programs expressed in human language to be executed by humans rather than computers. "People who draft legislation or other regulations want to regulate human affairs in a predictable manner, but at the same time allowing flexibility so that the rules can adapt to changing circumstances".

The professor thinks the emergency notice found in every London Underground carriage — "Press the alarm signal button to alert the driver. The driver will stop immediately if any part of the train is in a station" — is, in effect, a wonderful piece of programming.

Most computer scientists automatically fall back on mathematics to specify what a program should do, says the professor, but it may also be possible to achieve the same results in plain English.

Take the specification for sorting a sequence. Rendered in the kind of English which a legal draftsman might be at home with rather than in mathematical symbols, one might say, suggests professor Kowalski, that "the result of sorting a sequence should be an ordered permutation of the input sequence".

Concepts such as "order" and "permutation" in turn can also be defined in natural language rather than maths. Thus a sequence might be regarded as ordered "if for every pair of elements in the sequence the earlier one is smaller than or equal to the later element in the sequence".

Professor Kowalski says: "If you gave the problem to computer scientists, 99 per cent of them would feel obliged to use some sort of mathematical formalism to say the same sort of thing."

But if it is written in natural language the specification will be understood by the user, who has to verify that the specification is what he wants, and the person implementing it, who has to turn it into some kind of code.

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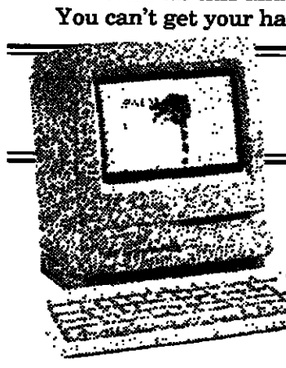
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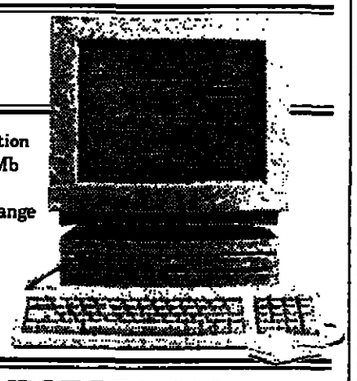


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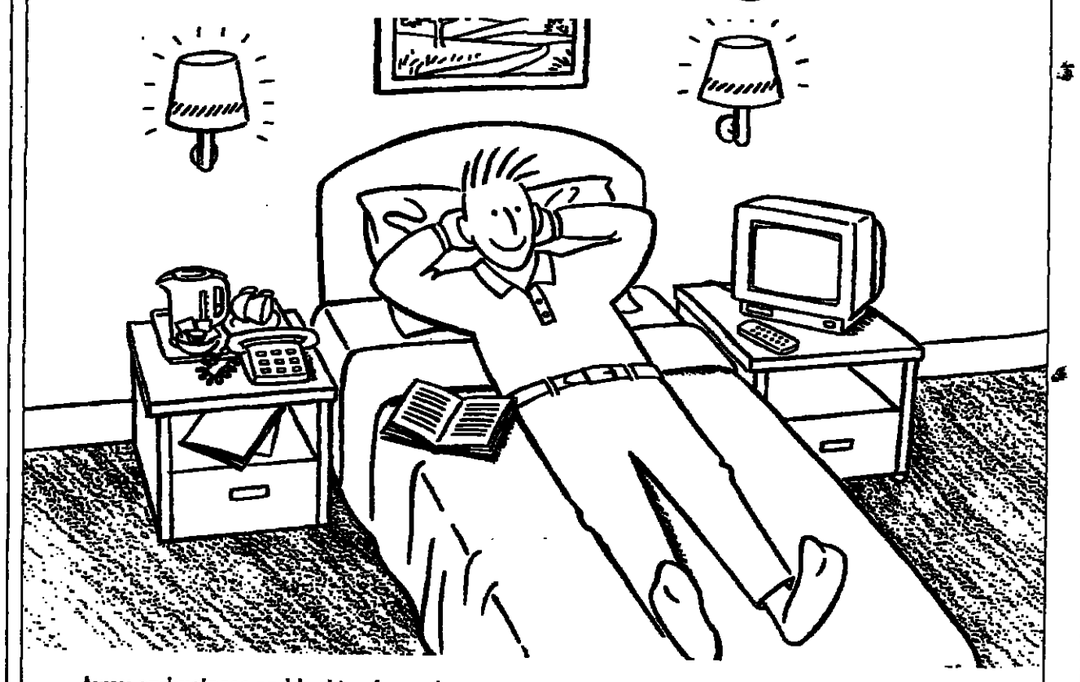
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A word in your ear about radio waves

After fears that cellular phones can cause brain cancer, Nick Nuttall reports on a British invention which claims to make them safe

A British engineer has developed an antenna screen for mobile telephones that he claims will stop electromagnetic radiation and heat entering the human head.

The tiny device, developed by Dr Ian Dilworth of Essex University's radio frequency group, has a mini reflector, similar to those fitted to television aerials, which deflects energy generated by the phone.

News of the development comes amid concern in Britain and the United States that portable cellular phones could trigger brain cancers because of the frequencies at which they operate and their closeness to the head when used.

Panic recently swept shares of electronics and cell phone companies on the New York Stock Exchange after David Reynard, of St Petersburg, Florida, claimed his 33-year-old wife had died from brain cancer because she was a heavy mobile phone user.

Now Mr Reynard has decided to take legal action against the phone's makers and the operator of the cellular network. His decision was taken after learning of research carried out at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Dr Stephen F. Cleary found that strong fields both above and below cellular frequencies promote the growth of cancer cells that have been removed from the brain.

Other researchers believe this effect is scientifically impossible and question the research. "There's no such viable theory," argues Dr Robert Adair, a physicist at Yale University.

Nevertheless, since Mr Reynard filed his suit at least six other people in the United States have alleged a link between cellular phones and brain tumours. Mobile phone makers claim there is not a shred of evidence to link the phones with cancer.

However, the American Food and Drug Administration and the National Cancer Institute are now advising people to limit their use of mobile phones in the absence of definitive proof that the handsets are 100 per cent safe.

In Britain, nobody has, as yet, decided to go to law but some cellular phone users who have developed cancer have also begun questioning the safety of the handsets.

Tom Aronson, a builder from East Grinstead, Sussex, estimates that he carried a mobile phone 12 hours a day for nearly two years until he was diagnosed as having cancer last year at the age of 36.

He accepts that the emergence of cancer and the use of the phone may be pure coincidence, but believes more research is needed to prove without doubt that fears of cancer links are groundless.

> 'All these wild speculations about what happens in the head have no basis in fact'

The view taken by most scientists is that the power at which the phones operate, less than a watt, is far too low to cause any localised heating that could pose health problems. Professor John Gardiner, an engineer leading a British government LINK research project into the subject, believes comments about the health risks of cell phones are "naive and speculative".

Professor Gardiner, of the University of Bradford's department of electrical engineering, says: "All these wild speculations about what happens in the head have no basis in fact. It is because we do not know where the energy goes that we are involved in this extremely complicated research."

The £500,000 research project is studying how the body absorbs energy at different power and high frequency ranges. Complicated models of the human head and brain are being developed and these are to be exposed to high-frequency non-ionising radiation of the kind generated by mobile phones.

However, Dr Keith McLauchlan, of Oxford university's physical chemistry laboratory, says that the trade and industry funded research may be overlooking a very different mechanism which could make cellular telephones a possible health hazard.

He argues there is emerging evidence that the frequencies at which the phones operate are boosting the body's levels of free radicals. Free radicals are short-lived molecules produced naturally by the body that can damage genetic material and turn a normal healthy cell into a cancerous one.

Dr McLauchlan, a fellow of the Royal Society, says that his research is supported by recent Russian and American studies. Research is needed to discover whether the rise in free radicals caused by the phones is enough to increase the risk of brain cancer, he says.

A new generation of mobile phones operating on personal communications networks are to be launched soon which operate at much higher frequencies and may also need investigation so that it can be proved they are totally safe.

It is with this new generation of phones, which include the pan European digital GSM networks, that Dr Dilworth's antenna is designed to work. On existing phones the device would be too big, but on a higher frequency handset the antenna can be slimmed down.

Whether his reflecting antenna attracts mobile phone makers will depend on the extent to which any research fuels or allays public concern.

Dr Dilworth admits that cell phone makers may be reluctant to use a reflecting antenna. For a cell phone to keep in constant touch with a base station the radio waves need to flow in all directions.

Dr Dilworth says that phones using the new design might disconnect if the caller rotated during a conversation. However, if there is any doubt at all about the safety of mobile phones he believes that some people might see this as a small price to pay.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU



A new line in safety: Dr Ian Dilworth with his prototype "screened antenna" for use with radio phones

ONLINE

A deadly game?

COMPUTER games may be distracting children from exercise which could prevent their death from heart disease in later life.

Dr Neil Armstrong, the director of the Coronary Prevention in Children project at Exeter University, says spending hours playing computer games and watching television are keeping children from healthy pastimes.

A survey of 700 children aged 11 to 16 in Devon showed that 20 per cent had cholesterol levels above the recommended World Health Organisation adult figure.

Crime watchers

CONSTABLE David Casey of Cambridgeshire police has connected his office computer



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Cheap robot

THE LATEST thing in inexpensive robots has six spindly legs, a thin metal body and gets its energy from a battery. Indiana University sells the Stiquito for just $10 (about £6.90).

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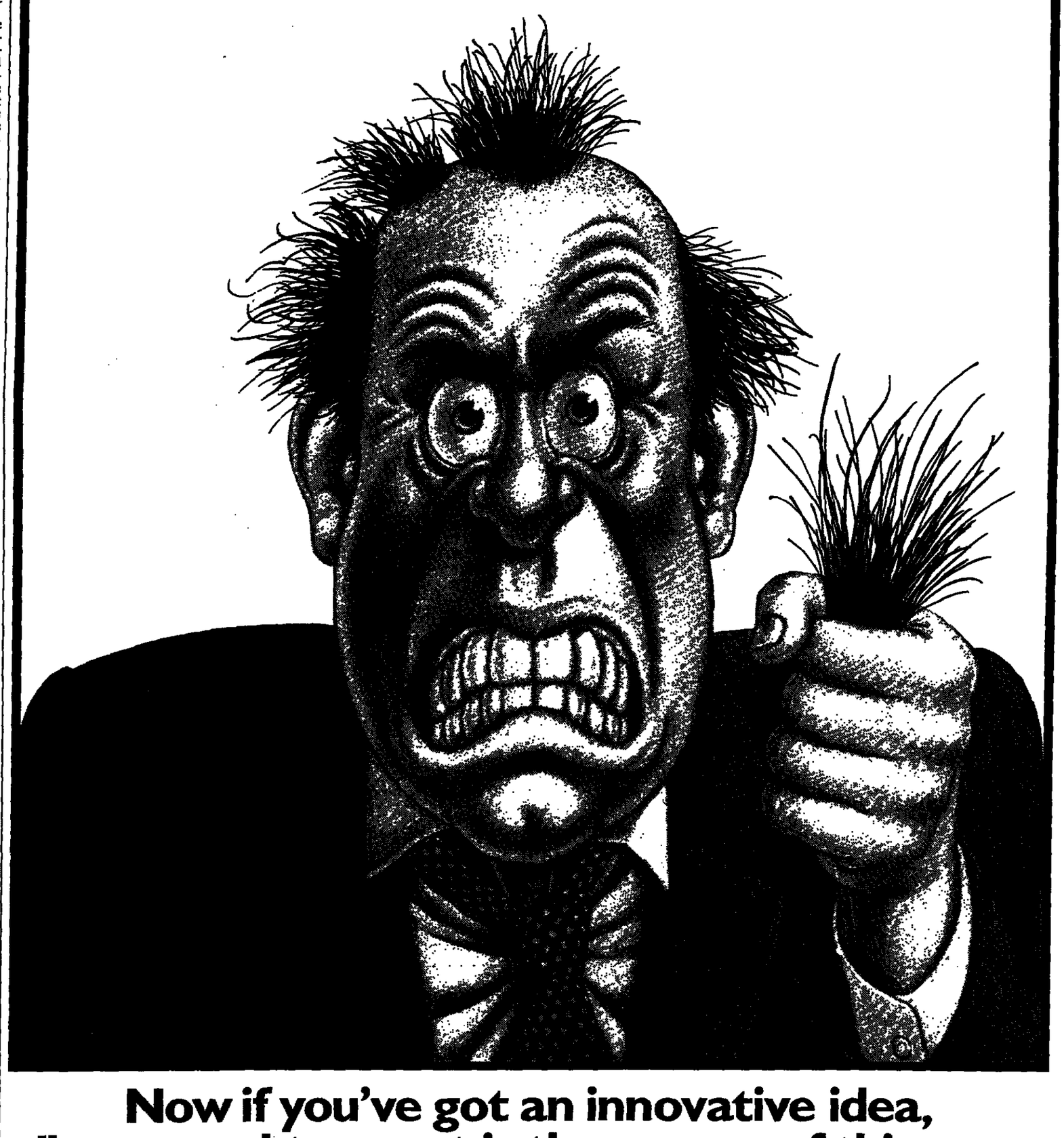
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More than four out five change suppliers, it says, because of dissatisfaction with products and service.

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Opportunities of windows

David Guest looks at how Microsoft's system is creating a healthy demand for skilled computer programmers

Information technology often gives the impression of being a perverted form of perpetual motion. It is self-generating: the more people have, the more they tend to need.

Among suppliers of equipment, this tendency is akin to the discovery of the Philosopher's Stone. For people working with information technology, it has more ambiguous consequences.

With the rapid advance of technology, certain skills become old-fashioned almost as quickly as equipment. But because tomorrow can be relied on to bring a new technology there is a corresponding demand for new skills.

The current fashion is the style of computing represented by Microsoft's Windows. Windows runs on personal computers of the type to be found wherever economically productive activities are pursued.

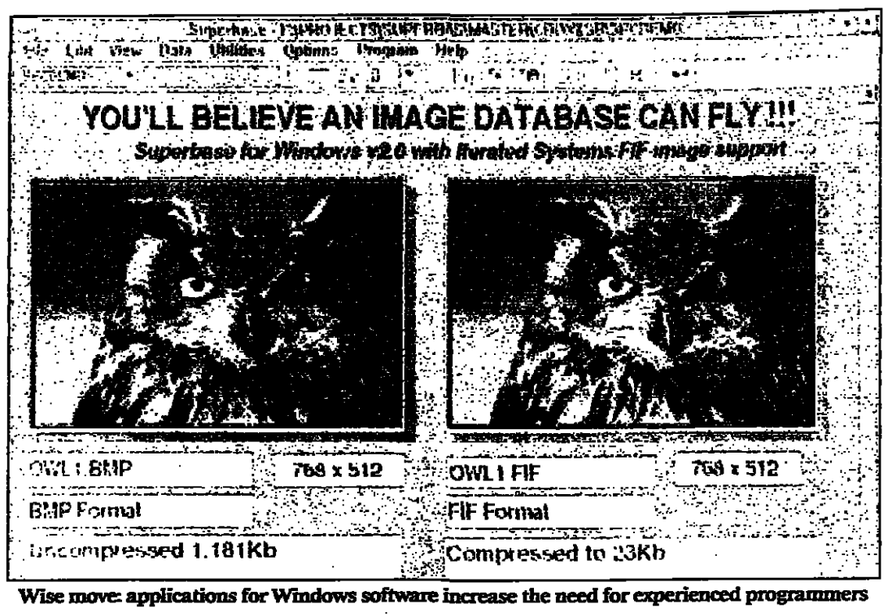
Its main virtue is that it is supposed to make computers easier to use, with the result that their users become more productive. There are other considerations, but they tend to be of a commercial nature — for example, Windows needs computers of greater capacity than the PCs of recent years and it therefore stimulates hardware sales.

But Windows cannot achieve the ultimate ease-of-use in isolation. The programs that perform tasks need to be adapted to observe its conventions and to do that, programmers are required. The software industry is busy turning out general-purpose programs designed to take advantage of Windows' features, but most organisations of any size will have additional, more specific needs.

They also have existing computer systems and data processing staffs and will want their people to be able to exploit Windows in their systems.

So the need for Windows skills is rising. Mark Alborough, a senior consultant with the recruitment agency Times Computer Group, says: "In the past six months, I would say demand has doubled, especially for people with experience of the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK)."

Russell Clements, the director of Computer Futures, says: "My advice to anyone with PC skills is to get Windows experience to safeguard your future. These skills are recession-proof. People with Windows experience have been in demand for the past 12 to 18 months, in all industrial sectors." As more organisations take on Windows, the demand for Windows-related skills is expected to become acute.



Wise move: applications for Windows software increase the need for experienced programmers

The programming languages most often associated with Windows are C and its extension C++. On the job market, with provisos about variations in different regions and lines of business, C, C++ and Windows SDK skills command a premium that can be worth £10,000 a year. Applications programmers with the right skills are being offered from around £22,000 to well over £30,000.

Companies which need such programmers and analysts are as likely to recruit as to train internally. "Recruiting means getting the skills ready-made, which is perceived as the easiest option," says Mr Clements. Mr Alborough adds: "Especially on the software development side, time scales are important and they don't want to spend months training people up."

Windows has been on the scene for six years, but it is the latest version that has made the breakthrough. Previous models were reportedly very difficult to work with — generally in C — and it does not follow that experience of those days translates into aptitude for the present version.

"Any C programmer can write C++ code, but it is a question of writing it properly," says Kevin Jones, a senior consultant with QA Training.

Mr Jones anticipates that QA will be running fewer C training courses in a year's time, and that it is starting C++ courses for non-C programmers. "Between 20 and 30 per cent of people on our current C++ courses are Windows users," he says. "It will make them very marketable — you see more advertisements for C++ programmers."

Alex Dawson, a C programmer visiting the Windows Show in London last week, said that he aims to move up to C++. His view of the market is that C++ and Windows skills will be very valuable, but ultimately he expects utility programs to take most of the burdens off programmers.

Mark West, product manager with Microlex, agrees. Microlex is promoting Guide (Graphical User Interface Development Environment), a program suite that automates much of the process of writing a Windows program. The logic of Mr West's argument leads to the conclusion that the need for programmers and analysts could actually decline.

According to Mr West, a non-programmer using Guide might generate 75 to 80 per cent of a working program. "Someone with a relatively logical mind can sit down with it and work out what they want the application to do, what they want it to look like, and take it to a programmer to finish it off," he says.

This scenario, in which computer users do most of their own programming, appears to make systems analysts redundant and programmers an afterthought. It is familiar from other areas of computing, but has never quite happened. If, as seems likely, the number of programs written increases, this will be in obedience to the industry's version of perpetual motion.

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GALLERIES: In Paris, the superb new Matisse show astonishes **Richard Cork** with its revelatory scope

Ecstasy in every colour



Colour decoded: Matisse's magnificent *Harmony in Red* (1908) marks the moment when he united two separate objects in a single field of warm red pigment

Dour, driven and professorial in bearing. Matisse peers out sternly from the darkness at the start of his great Paris exhibition. Impeccably displayed at the Pompidou Centre, this revelatory show differs from its acclaimed New York predecessor by focusing on his exceptional achievement between 1904 and 1917. They were his finest years, the period when he irradiated modern painting with a revolutionary vision of colour at its most blazing and sensuous. But in this early self-portrait he looks earnest, almost puritanical — a man encircled by shadows and beset with anxiety.

Part of the strain conveyed by Matisse's frowning features may have stemmed from a suspicion that time was against him. At the beginning of 1904 he was little-known, already approaching his 35th birthday and short of money. The allowance from his father had ended three years before, forcing his wife to open a millinery shop. But Vollard, one of the most respected avant-garde dealers in Paris, was about to give Matisse his first one-man show. He probably hoped that success was at last within reach, and the paintings produced at St Tropez in the summer sound a new note of unalloyed rapture.

> 'No finer painter was at work anywhere in the world'

Outstanding among them is *Luxe, calme et volupté*, an idyllic canvas entitled after a line from Baudelaire. Female nudes recline and dry themselves on a seashore speckled with dabs of high-keyed colour. The debt to the optical dazzle of Pointillism is clear. And Signac, who had a villa at St Tropez, liked the painting sufficiently to buy it for 500 francs. All the same, the particles of pigment in *Luxe, calme et volupté* were larger and more outspoken than anything Signac himself would have dared to produce.

By 1905, Matisse had become notorious. Along with younger friends like Vlaminck and Derain, he provoked a furore at the Salon d'Automne with canvases so vehement in feeling that the group was nicknamed "les fauves". Nobody less like a "wild beast" than the meditative Matisse could be imagined. But the paintings he produced in the summer, at the Mediterranean port of Collioure, were certainly unbridled. The quayside becomes blood-red, and even inside his studio the doors opening out of the boat-bristling harbour burn with impetuously applied strokes of orange and scarlet.

Although Matisse's mood was ecstatic, he remained judicious enough to ensure that his art never became merely strident. Walking through the cool white rooms of the Pompidou's spaciously hung survey, I soon began to realise that he had achieved an astonishing fusion of the headlong and the sparing, the rapturous and the analytical. Derain, whose mustachioed face he painted with the aid of violent blue and green shadows, was brash compared with Matisse. At once discerning and hotheaded, he arrived during these years at a marvellously sustained union of the Apollonian and the Dionysiac. His 1906 masterpiece *Joy of Life* remains at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, unavailable for loan, but other key canvases have been borrowed from major collections in St Petersburg, Moscow, New York and Copenhagen to show Matisse's flowering at full strength.

Picasso, with whom he exchanged paintings in 1907, must have acted as an additional spur. For the Spaniard was working on *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* at the time. These were the years when 20th-century art defined its most radical identity. And as if in response to Picasso's challenge, Matisse embarked in 1908 on an *annus mirabilis* of his own.

The year commenced with a burnished *Nude in Black and Gold*, as darkly sensual as Gauguin but bounded by thick contours handled with a new roughness. Making sculpture helped him to give this figure greater solidity, and in a strange painting of naked bathers staring at a turtle Matisse gave their forms a statuesque presence. But he was equally bent on pursuing flatness of surface, in order to emancipate colour still more fully.

The prodigious *Harmony in Red* marks the moment when he took the risk of uniting the dinner-table and the wall behind in a single field of warm red pigment. Its richness saturates the canvas. But Matisse animates the image by flaunting the patterns on table-cloth and wallpaper alike, allowing their deep blue arabesques to arch and wave across the composition like fantastic underwater plant-life. The redness also acts as a wonderful foil for the lemons scattered over the table-top.

They are echoed, outside the window, by yellow flowers in the burgeoning, blossom-heavy garden. The bands of blue and green evoking sky and grass ought, by rights, to conflict with the exuberant orchestration within. But they introduce a necessary tension instead, preventing Matisse from flooding the entire picture-surface with an all-over redness which might finally have become cloying and oppressive.

This ability to toughen his instinctive hedonism with pictorial rigour becomes more and more formidable as the exhibition proceeds. The two versions of Matisse's dithyrambic decoration, *Dance*, are brought together to disclose exactly how he revised, criticised and transformed the whole image. Having been commissioned to paint this immense *tour de force* by his most generous and enlightened patron, the Moscow merchant Sergei Shchukin, he executed a full-size first version which looks vivacious enough when seen on its own. Here, however, *Dance I* appears surprisingly feeble pitched against the overwhelming finality of the second version. The pale pink figures seem tentative and slack as they prance in a circle on a blue-green ground which might have been inspired by the garden in *Harmony in Red*. Matisse was surely right to regard it as a study rather than a fully convincing achievement.

> 'He was both visceral and discerning, Dionysus and Apollo'

Almost a year later, at the end of 1909, he started again. And this time, the dancers really do persuade us that they are caught up in a wild, intoxicating ritual. Suffused now with a raw yet incandescent vermilion, the five figures are far more crisply articulated than their forerunners. Athletic as well as orgiastic, they grasp each other's hands with greater forcefulness. Even the two dancers whose fingers fail to meet nearly succeed in doing so, giving this area a tantalising tension. And Matisse has charged all the bodies with a coiled vigour.

But if *Dance II* demonstrated his mastery of dynamic figure painting, Matisse could command stillness with equal potency. The man and woman in *Conversation* seem spellbound as they confront one another across a deep blue divide. He is bull-necked, upright and menacing: she leans back in her chair, blanched and questioning. The tense, melancholy air shows that Matisse's emotional range extended far beyond the expression of well-being.

Matisse's Moroccan visits only intensified his preoccupation with blueness, uniting the interior of *Window in Tangier* with the hallucinatory colour washing the landscape beyond. By the time war broke out, blue had turned to black. In the uncompromising *Open Window, Collioure*, half the picture is given over to impenetrable darkness. This severity may surprise those who think of him as a lyrical, celebratory artist. He was capable of formidable discipline, and his understanding of restraint helped him to arrive at the magisterial *gravitas* of great wartime canvases like *The Piano Lesson* and *The Moroccans*. Lessons learnt from Cubism permit him to attain near-abstract austerity.

All the same, sensuous allure keeps breaking in even now. Nothing in the survey is more captivating than a little study of his Italian model Laurette seated in a green robe. Matisse savoured the pleasure principle too eagerly to banish it for ever, and after the war he would pursue Mediterranean fulfilment with the ardour of a man who had been starved of southern light and heat for too long.

This outstanding show proves, however, that he had already reached the peak of his complex abilities while based in northern France. During that period, no finer painter was at work anywhere in the world, and no exhibition could do more enthralling justice to the art he produced during this fertile, audacious and above all heroic period.

● Henri Matisse 1904-1917 *at the Pompidou Centre, Plateau Beaubourg, 75004 Paris (42 77 12 33), until June 21*

RICHARD CORK'S SELECTION OF OTHER EXHIBITIONS IN PARIS

● **1893: PAINTERS OF EUROPE:** Matisse was a hesitant 24-year-old student in 1893, the year chosen for dissection in the Musée d'Orsay's new exhibition. But plenty of other painters were both confident and prolific then, and nearly 100 paintings have been brought together to provide a vivid cross-section of the art produced all over Europe in a single year.

Monet dominates the opening room with three richly encrusted images of Rouen Cathedral at different times of day. Of all the Impressionists, he alone showed no sign of flagging. Renoir looks overheated in his saccharine painting of young girls at the piano, but the Post-Impressionists are more impressive. Gauguin, pausing in Paris between two Tahitian trips, produces a superb image of an island girl reclining in a crouched position, as though ready to spring. And Cézanne paints one of his most persuasive groups of male bathers relishing the Provencal sun.

After Seurat's early death, the surviving Pointillists look clumsy. Symbolism had seized the initiative, nowhere more hauntingly than in the work of Matisse's teacher, Gustave Moreau. But Burne-Jones, one of far too few British painters in the show, is at his eerie best in a painting of the Perseus legend. And Munch is at his most implacable, ushering us into a Strindbergian chamber of death.

Downstairs, an engaging anthology of documentary films from the period brings us close to events as diverse as the launching of a French ship, dancing on damp English cobblestones, and idling on the quayside in heat-befuddled Barcelona.

Musée d'Orsay, 1 rue de Bellechasse, 75007 Paris (40 49 48 14), until May 23



Picasso: haunted by the theme of the Crucifixion

● **THE BODY ON THE CROSS:** Although Picasso only painted one picture of a Crucifixion, he was haunted by the theme for most of his life. As early as 1902, he drew an etiolated Christ suspended on an invisible cross, and many of the images in the Musée Picasso's fascinating exhibition testify to his enduring obsession with the same subject. Several Cubist studies suggest that he considered painting a Crucifixion during the Great War. But not until 1930, when he painted a surprisingly small Crucifixion in rasping, enamel-like colours, did he commit himself to canvas. The result is one of his most discordant pictures, offering no hint of the redemption which some artists have found in the same subject. Taking his cue above all from Grünewald's Isenheim altarpiece, Picasso continued to explore the theme in a lacerating series of 1932 drawings. Here the bodies of Christ and his attendants gradually turn to bone.

He should, by rights, have executed a large painting based on these harrowing studies. But *Guernica* came to absorb all his most tragic emotions in the 1930s, and Francis Bacon succeeded in painting the most excoriating Crucifixion of that mid-century period. His three grotesque figures, howling with rage and despair in a vehement 1944 triptych, are far more powerful than the muted images painted by Sutherland and Guttuso in the same period. As for de Kooning's later drawings, they seem playful and slight compared with the anguished studies Picasso had produced 30 years before.

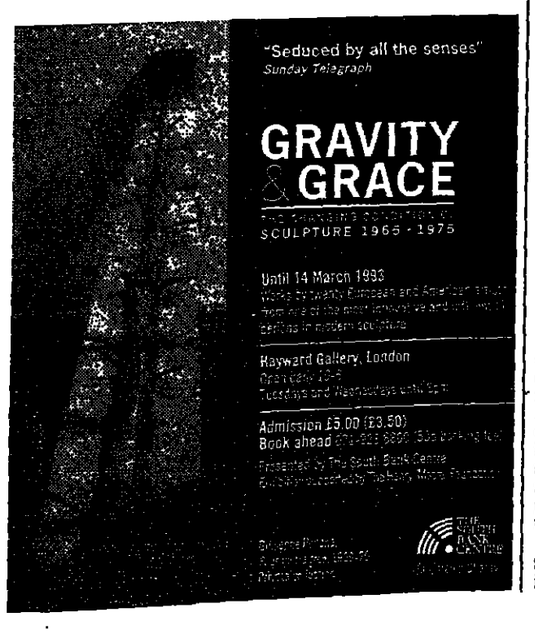
Musée Picasso, Hôtel Salé, 5 rue de Thorigny, 75003 Paris (42 71 70 74), until March 1

● **EXPRESSIONISM IN GERMANY:** While Matisse was revolutionising painting in France, the Expressionists were conducting an even more convulsive assault on tradition in Germany. The upheaval they caused is charged by a large, comprehensive survey of their paintings, sculpture and enormously powerful graphics at the Musée d'Art Moderne. Kirchner, Heckel and their allies in the *Die Brücke* group announced the fervour of Expressionism from the outset.

Sometimes, their ferocious handling and high-pitched colour look crude compared with Matisse. But at their best the Expressionists injected European art with a new sense of dynamism.

Once Kandinsky and Marc launched the *Blaue Reiter* movement, the potential of abstraction was explored. But Expressionism never relinquished its heartfelt involvement with the observable world.

Musée d'Art Moderne, 11 av. du Président Wilson, 75016 Paris (40 70 11 10), until March 14





WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

LONDON

OSCAR OHLSEN: The guitarist plays "Music from Chile and the Americas" including works by Chilean composers Pablo Delano and Edmundo Vasquez and the guitarist's own arrangements of traditional American songs.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

ELVIS COSTELLO AND THE BRODSKY QUARTET: The inventive singer, songwriter and dynamic string quartet perform *The Juliet Letters*, a jointly composed song sequence for voice and string quartet.
Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, WC2 (071-494 5000), Sun, 8pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The orchestra under Yuri Temirkanov with Zino Vinnikov, violin, perform Mussorgsky's *Dawn over the Moscow River*, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5 in E minor.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.30pm.

FESTIVAL OF BRITTEN: The series continues, on Sunday the **Borodin String Quartet** play works by Britten and Shostakovich, and the **London Symphony Orchestra** under Mstislav Rostropovich perform works composed by Britten early in his career, the *Simple Symphony*, the Piano Concerto, *Les Illuminations* and the *Sinfonia da Requiem*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Sunday, 4pm, 7.30pm.

QUICK: A weekend of live events in spaces around the South Bank Centre. There are multiple video screens, a sand horse, water tanks and paper shredders. Highlights are Annie Griffin's specially commissioned "lecture" on the art of performing, *How to Act Better*, Bobby Baker's *Drawing on a Mother's Experience* showing through her performance how women's creativity and motherhood interact and Fiona Wright's *New Death Solo*.
South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800), today and tomorrow. **Purcell Room**, *Annie Griffin*, tomorrow, 8pm; *Bobby Baker and Fiona Wright*, Sunday, 8pm

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: The **Britten Quartet**, known for an informal approach to chamber music, continue their cycle of Beethoven's string quartets
St George's Brandon Hill, (0272 230359), tonight, 7.30pm.

OXFORD: The Music Theatre of Wales presents a chamber opera by Michael Nyman, **The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat.** It is the story of a man suffering from a rare medical condition, known as visual agnosia, which means he cannot recognise everyday objects or people's faces.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street, (0865 798600), Sun, 7.30pm.

CHIPPING NORTON: Madness in Valencia by Lope de Vega is a mad love story written in 1596 after the playwright was expelled from Madrid for loving the wife of a Duke. A bride elopes with a servant on her wedding day. She is robbed and abandoned before finding love in a madhouse.
The Theatre, Chipping Norton, (0608 642350), tonight, 8pm. **Old Bull Arts Centre**, Barnet, (081-449 0048), tomorrow, 8pm.

SOUTH SHIELDS: Award-winning Plain Clothes Productions continue touring with *Phil Smith*'s brutal comedy *Mrs Ceausescu's Organisation of Love*. Set in Eastern Europe in the 1930s and 1989.
The Library Theatre, South Shields (091-427 1818), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **The Grand Theatre**, Blackpool, (0253 28372), Sunday, 7.30pm.

FROME: The Pan African dance ensemble **Adzido** perform "Behind the Mask". The company looks at traditional African dance, exploring the cultural characteristics of the dances like the Gumboot Dance of South Africa and the Bata Dance of Nigeria.
Merlin Theatre, (0373 461360), tonight, 7.45pm.

LEEDS: One of the great partnerships in British ballet is reunited in Gillian Lynne's *A Simple Man* when Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour take on the roles of the artist L.S. Lowry and his mother. The ballet, based on Lowry's life, has been one of the most successful in **Northern Ballet Theatre**'s history. Two new ballets will receive their world premiere on the same bill. Derek Williams's jazzy *Extenzion*, and *D'Ensemble* by Graham Lustig. The Leeds season launches the company's 1993 BT National Tour.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971), tonight, 7.30pm, Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Mats, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

NORWICH: The young jazz musician **Orphy Robinson**, soloist on vibraphone and marimba, appears with the band Annavas.
Norwich Arts Centre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street, (0603 660352), tonight, 8pm.

NEWCASTLE: The Irish, agit-pop rappers **Marxman**, are promoting their lyrical but powerful new single, "All About Eve".
Newcastle, Riverside (091-261 4386), tomorrow, 8pm. **Leicester**, Princess Charlotte (0533 553956), Sun, 8.30pm. **London**, Jazz Cafe (071-916 6000), Tues, 7pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE:** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins.

■ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins.

□ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE:** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 6.30pm, tomorrow, 12.30pm, 6.30pm, Mon-Wed, 6.30pm, mat Wed, 12.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **KING BABY:** The miseries of alcoholism and how only religion can help, says author James Robson. Earnest stuff.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

◪ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **MISERY:** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **LA MUSICA:** Very intense dissection of past love by Marguerite Duras: Harriet Walter's charged performance provides interest.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins. Final week.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ **THE PRISONERS OF WAR:** Lively production of J.R. Ackerley's coded but clear drama about British officers tormented by love for one another. Astonishingly licensed by the Lord Chamberlain in 1926.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 115mins. Final week.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow production by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon-Wed, 7.15pm, mats tomorrow, Tues, 2pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ■ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ■ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy. Director, Andrew Bergman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

LEON THE PIG FARMER (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy that gets unduly silly. Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Everyman** (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

LORENZO'S OIL (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon; director, George Miller.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROMPER STOMPER (18): Neo-Nazi skinheads on the rampage in Melbourne. Dangerously flashy debut by Australian director Geoffrey Wright. With Russell Crowe.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

SNIPER (15): Tom Berenger and Billy Zane as US snipers in the Panama jungle. Visually taut, but wooden dialogue. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGM Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

UNDER SIEGE (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426-914 501)

CURRENT

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home; but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

THEATRE: A sharp new comedy; a Tolstoy adaptation; and a study in pan-American politics

Down the slippery slope

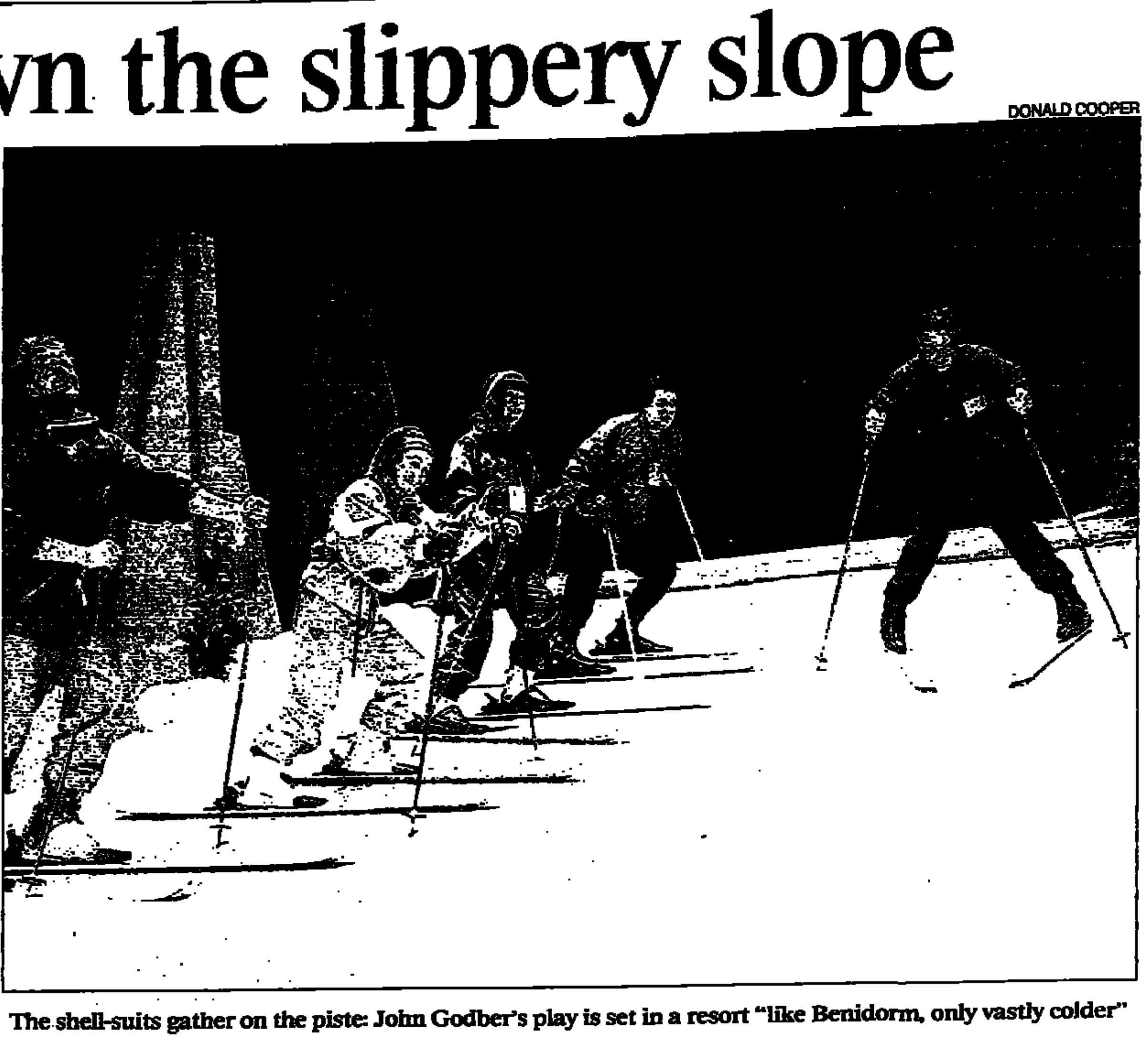
On the Piste
Garrick

I HAVE never regretted my failure to learn how to ski, and after seeing John Godber's amusing new play, I regret it even less. If he is to be believed — and the programme tells us he has spent time on the slopes getting "bruised, bitter and humiliated" — there are Austrian resorts which are rather like Benidorm, only vastly colder. The package holiday-makers jet in to take a little exercise, drink a lot of lager, have a bit of sex on the side if they can find it, split up with their original partners, and then jet off home, some with their legs in plaster, some without. There is better fun to be had on Blackpool beach on a November morning.

Julie Godfrey's set intermittently swivels round to reveal the shiny-brown innards of some ghastly chalet or, later, a cable-car dangling over tiny houses; but as often as not it presents us with the piste itself, a bulging white apron surrounded by what looks like the polystyrene packing you get when you buy something large and electric. Here gather the characters in the tacky greens, purples, reds and pinks that the man on the Clapham omnibus seems nowadays to wear when he transfers to the Gatwick airbus.

There is a ski instructor called Tony (Peter Birch), a narcissistic hunk with a good line in ingratiating patter and, incongruously and improbably, a classy bird called Melissa (Stephanie Pack) who has a pad in Paris and a rich husband in Brussels. But Godber is more interested in two downmarket couples. Dave (Ivan Kaye), a car salesman from the South, is getting bored with dim, shrill Beverley (Gillian Tompkins), who is into infantile sex-fantasies and wants him to move into her flat. And long-suffering Alison (Julia Deakin) is wondering whether ten years spent having an affair in Stoke-on-Trent with charmless Chris (Paul Bown) is not purgatory enough.

DONALD COOPER



The shell-suits gather on the piste: John Godber's play is set in a resort "like Benidorm, only vastly colder"

Starting with the sight of Beverley on the slopes, creaking forward like the grandmother in a Giles cartoon, Godber offers plenty of lively if sometimes predictable observation. He is a genuinely funny writer, whose unaffected gusto has too often been confined to the smaller reps and the fringe. I cannot think of a contemporary dramatist who can handle, say, a boorish sexual advance with more comic aplomb. Whether this play goes further, and establishes him as a sort of Alpine Ayckbourn, I am not so sure.

Consciously or unconsciously, that seems to be the aim. The mood darkens and, intensified by Melissa's coolly provocative presence, the men's dissatisfaction with their women comes nastily into the open. Chris tells Alison he no longer finds her attractive, and Dave, though unable in his exasperation to decide if she is a parrot, a cow or something worse, makes his contempt for Beverley brutally clear. Then one man turns on the other, and the other on England, "a cesspit compared with this".

But Godber cannot yet match either Alan Ayckbourn or Mike Leigh when it comes to blending humour and pain, harshness and humanity. Neither the moral feeling nor the human understanding go deep enough. Yet why end so grudgingly? This is as entertaining a comedy as the West End currently offers; and Bob Tomson's cast bang it across with energy, self-belief and, it seemed to me, the scepticism that winter sports deserve.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Jessica Lloyd and Richard Hope: touching depiction of baffled hurt

Exemplary solution to novel problem

Anna Karenina
Tricycle, Kilburn

THE company Shared Experience has returned to the Kilburn theatre where its adaptation of Tolstoy's novel won plaudits almost exactly a year ago. With some cast changes, Nancy Meckler's production fully justifies all the acclaim and the awards with a brilliantly flexible and exhilarating three hours of theatre.

Novels are tempting but dangerous for the stage director. The messy, arty and bathos ridden version of the same work at the Glasgow Citizens some years ago still haunts me in the insomniac hours. Meckler's production of Helen Edmundson's exemplary adaption — clear, natural dialogue with neither jarring modernisms nor pseudo poetics — dares as much and succeeds beyond expectation.

The beautiful Anna and the prickly but idealistic Levin are seen as the twin poles of the story. Although they occupy virtually separate plots and meet only towards the end of the tragedy, the play gives them an almost telepathic relationship throughout. They can conjure one another up with the words, "Where are you now?" at which, from field or barn, train or city mansion, Levin acts as Anna's confidant and conscience.

To cinematic fluidity is added sometimes dazzling stylisation: the racecourse where the spectators' rhythmic bobbing up and down mirrors the galloping horses and Vronsky all but mounts Anna, culminating in the shooting of the broken-backed little mare; the nightmarish formalism where Anna receives both husband and lover, alternating like toy figures in a mechanical plot; and the smirking, applauding puppets the actors become to signify the smart set.

The figure of death, faceless, caped and hooded, recurs. As the railway train under which Anna dies, a line of such figures advances in a jerky, stamping peasant dance to snatch her up.

However fine in theory, stylisation is only as good as performers allow. This ensemble works with flawless discipline and the actors turn easily from dreamlike hallucination to warm-blooded naturalism. The quarrel between newly-married Levin and Kitty touchingly depicts the baffled hurt that people in love can inflict upon each other. Jessica Lloyd's Kitty has a staunch, sweet integrity; and Richard Hope's Levin provides a marvellous fast-forward to one of Chekhov's eternal students — grown up but still passionate, angry and hopeful.

Above all, we are always aware of human complexity. The adultress apparently prepared to abandon home and family is described as "beautiful and clever, kind and honest". We believe it, thanks to Teresa Banham, an actress surely destined for great things. Her Anna is vulnerable and wilful, noble and self-pitying, altruistic and paranoid.

The British Council is touring this production in Europe and South East Asia: a pretty good cultural ambassador.

MARTIN HOYLE

Loss of direction mars a sentimental journey

Amigo's Blue Guitar
Attic, Wimbledon

BASEBALL caps on backwards; lumberjack shirts and logging boots; earmuffs like hibernating doormice; and duvets incognito as coats: this is playwright Joan MacLeod's Canada, a haven of forests, fishing and family life. Grandma pops in; Pop is easy-going; teenage Callie dates guys and pads around in slouch socks; and Sander, her brother, manages to bunk courses and still get credits by setting up a school society that helps Central American refugees gain citizenship.

His scam has serious consequences. The arrival of Elias, fleeing torture in El Salvador, scuppers the domestic entente. A New Year's eve rough and tumble with Sander twists into sudden violence revealing the psychological scars Elias has hitherto kept hidden. The siblings fall out as Callie falls in love with the newcomer, only to find he is secretly filing an immigration request for his ex. Meanwhile, arguments about freedom-fighting rekindle a feud between mother and son, Owen (the father) originally leaving the States to avoid Vietnam.

The cast — themselves from Colombia, Canada and the US — wear the pan-Americanness of this play as comfortably as old clothes. Designer Sean Caffrey's all-Canadian, all-pine kitchen (the old dresser littered with domestic flotsam and Grandma's rocker in the corner, darning ever to hand) suggests a worn-in homely cosiness that is ripe for upheaval.

However, the set teeters on the twee and lacks incisive simplicity. Upstage is a medley of painted woodland, draped fishnets (the ocean-going variety), and heaps of leaves — a messiness aggravated by the uncamouflaged puce and cream decor of the Attic on Wimbledon Broadway.

Jenny Lee's direction does the play few favours. Clumsy, prolonged, casually-lit set changes ruin McLeod's slash-cut scene ends. Still, Ricardo Velez (Elias) dexterously and disturbingly migrates from clownish sweetness to coldness and rage. Though Aliza James (Callie) does not fully click into interaction, David Kitchener (Sander) embodies sensitive hot-tempered adolescence and Velez flares up with arresting intensity.

The first half offers charming comic moments: Elias spouts mad TEFL sentences about monkeys while acting the guinea-pig for Callie's first-aid bandaging practice ("Saw Mill Accident No 6"). Disastrously, however, the play progressively loses its sense of humour and ends up punching itself in the face with its political message. What could have culminated in a searing, dry-eyed portrayal of the damage inflicted by torture and the difficulties of helping victims of abuse, lamentably degenerates into shallow, painfully corny PC rhetoric and, worse, self-indulgent weepiness.

KATE BASSETT

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Facts as a feminist issue

Attention to detail has helped Jenny Uglow re-evaluate an important life. **Alison Roberts** meets Mrs Gaskell's biographer

During the late 1970s Jenny Uglow, who was then working for a publishing house, complained to a colleague that the reference books they were producing were full of men. "Write one full of women then," he told her. So she did. The *Macmillan Dictionary of Women's Biography*, edited by Uglow, came out in 1982, when women's studies were high on university agendas.

The book was produced with a sense of mission. It was, she says, "joyous madness" to start on such a project, "which was borne out of a particular phase of the women's movement and my involvement in it," she says.

> 'All that feminist work has changed the questions we ask about history'

Ten years on and Uglow's recent and highly acclaimed biography of Elizabeth Gaskell has presented that previously under-respected novelist in a powerful new light.

But Uglow's feminism has mellowed and a sense of accurate biography has replaced that of mission. Besides, the need to promote the achievements of women is not so pressing — women are increasingly found in all dictionaries of biography.

"I had always loved Mrs Gaskell's novels," she says. "It was only when I began to work that I realised she hadn't been written about in the way that she could have been."

However, the female, if not feminist, tag cannot be so easily escaped. Like Victoria Glendinning's Whitbread award-winning biography of Trollope, the book has been particularly noted for its attention to detail — to the "trivia" of life which, at least one reviewer has implied, women might notice more than men. But, like Glendinning, Uglow denies that this form of biography is particularly female, preferring to call it human.

"I don't think attention to detail in biography is a female trait, but I do think the use of detail in both letter writing and conversation is, or was, a strong female convention," she says. "The whole tradition of the inconsequential female letter, that arrived in the 18th century and carried on into the 19th, follows a very definite pattern, whereby women were allowed to talk about very important things while seeming only to deal with the surface. The detail in there is proving that you are not serious, but it is the detail which reveals reality."

Gaskell's own biography of Charlotte Brontë, a friend and confidante, uses the same domestic scene-setting for biographical purposes. On a page of notes at the end of the biography, Gaskell wrote that "character manifests itself in little things, just as a sunbeam finds its way through a chink".

"Gaskell makes these very complex leaps between the way Charlotte conducted her domestic life and the way she wrote," Uglow says. "She is showing a total personality at work which is used in all parts of her life — you can't separate the life and the writing at all."

But Gaskell had an ulterior motive when she was writing her biography of Brontë. It was an apology in a way, proof that Brontë was not a woman of coarse passions, but in fact a huge talent. Uglow's biographical task was to be accurate and entertaining ("What would give me more pleasure than anything in the world is if my book inspires people to go and read more Gaskell"), but, she says, the completely objective biography has never been written.

"Clearly there is no way you can recreate an era, because of the preoccupations of your own time. Neither can you experience anyone else's life. But the imagination, whether it be in a novel or a film or, to a lesser extent, a biography, places you in a position where you can feel it for a moment, sometimes against your will."

Uglow began by reading all of Gaskell's letters, those sheets covered with homely concerns. She soon discovered that they did not get to the root of Gaskell's personality. The problem, again, was with objectivity.

"I began to realise that it is a distortion if you think that you can tell a person's life through their letters. You can up to a point, but of course they are acting in the letters and they are responding to lots of different people. You get so many different angles. I felt that I had to read the letters around her — the ones by friends — to get honest 'chat' about her."

Sometimes she was shocked by the letters — one in particular, from Snow Wedgewood, claimed that her mother, Fanny, hated Gaskell despite an outward friendship. Uglow learnt to distrust these letters too. "All the time, while doing research, you have to ask about motives and think about why someone might say something like that," she says.

In a recent article, Uglow wrote of the "current search for non-linear ways of writing about the past". The domesticity and concern for detail in her book helps to get away from the type of biography which revolves around big life events. The sense of separate personalities within Gaskell — the mother, the writer, the feminist, the wife — helps here too.

"All lives are obviously linear," Uglow says, "but in women's history and lives there is a strong involvement with child-rearing, care of the elderly and the dying. Ages constantly overlap — maturity overlaps with the child. Women have periods of freedom and restriction, but they were not so rule-bound as men in the Victorian era, they didn't have to follow this school-university-career path."

Uglow thinks that history has changed as a subject since she edited the *Dictionary of Women's Biography*, but points out that her theories on history are still not fully thought out. "People ask different questions about history now, which is good," she says.

"All that feminist work and all the race work has changed the questions that we ask about history. It has changed the way, and is still changing the way, we read it, so that the subject is not as crude as it was."

● Elizabeth Gaskell *by Jenny Uglow is published by Faber & Faber (£20)*

TONY WHITE



Jenny Uglow: "All the time, while doing research, you have to ask about motives"

CONCERT REVIEWS

Child's play, Max-size

Turn of the Tide
Queen Elizabeth Hall



Maxwell Davies: new work receives 38 performances

Billed as "the most far reaching and ambitious outreach project ever to take place in music education", The Turn of the Tide passed through London on Wednesday, on its way round the United Kingdom. It is certainly a unique venture: for the first time, the Association of British Orchestras has managed to persuade no fewer than 16 of its members — high-profile ones at that, including the LSO and the CBSO — to come together in a nationwide project intended to stimulate creative activity among school children, their future audiences.

Each orchestra is sending a team into one or more primary schools — some 40,000 children are involved — and, in line with National Curriculum criteria, encouraging the urge to create rather than respond passively to ready-made art. The focus of the project, on the theme of the conservation of the environment, is a newly commissioned work from Peter Maxwell Davies, likewise called *The Turn of the Tide*, which will thus be receiving the enviable total of 38 performances in the first six months of its existence. Each individual project takes up the piece as it chooses, though most will incorporate the pupils' own pieces into a performance of the Maxwell Davies.

The QEH event was the contribution of the **City of London Sinfonia** — old hands at this sort of thing. Working with three schools in Newham (New City Primary, Ellen Watkinson Primary, and the Lister Community School), under the direction of Sean Gregory and Simon Beresford, members of the Sinfonia enabled the participants to create their own work in parallel to Maxwell Davies's piece (rather than integrated within it, as has apparently happened elsewhere). Called *Their World, Our World, Your World*, their efforts eclipsed the first part of the programme, conducted by **Adrian Leaper**: Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks* (hardly a piece to catch a child's imagination), Ibert's hilarious *Divertissement* (more like it) and the Maxwell Davies, an undistinguished, tedious piece.

Their World, by contrast, teemed with ideas: tinkly percussion and plopping woodblocks simulated maritime noises, while colourful home-made masks and costumes depicted sea-life. I particularly liked the funnels-and-tubes contraption billowing out pollution: it could have been a set for Siegfried's forge in a modern production of *The Ring*.

Many of these children never having previously touched a musical instrument, their concentration and powers of invention were all the more remarkable. That such a project should be launched at a time when instrumental teaching is rapidly disappearing from our schools is a poignant comment on the age we live in.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Decade not decayed

CBSO/Rattle
Birmingham

THE success of each of Simon Rattle's Towards the Millennium seasons depends basically on the quality of the decade under review. How attractive the 1990s will finally turn out to be can only be a matter for speculation, but we can be fairly certain that few of them (least of all the 1940s) will carry anything like the interest aroused by the 1920s. That decade has inspired a whole festival of theatre, exhibitions and flapper nostalgia to go with the present series of concerts — mainly in Birmingham, but also on the South Bank, in Cardiff, and on Radio 3.

Paradoxically, Rattle himself seems to have little interest in indulging the glamorous image of the 1920s. He challenged it straight away in this opening concert, mugging a noble Sibelius symphony by confronting it with the street violence of the *Miraculous Mandarin* and framing the programme in Szymanowski pieces which are not of this world.

Bartók's ballet score (performed complete) does have period charm, but it was minimalised. The clarinet solos were coldly unseductive; the scene with the old roué was sleazy rather than amusing; and the one sentimental episode had nothing tender about it. At least it was an interpretation to rescue Bartók from the accusation of drawing too heavily on Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*, which is violent but not vicious.

In this context Sibelius's Seventh Symphony seemed to take on another dimension. Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra have long had it in their repertoire and they have solved most of its problems. Although there were one or two anomalies in balance, it emerged in its familiar splendour, with the climaxes perfectly placed. But its final pages expressed an extraordinary sadness, as though Sibelius knew that this was no longer a time for sublime symphonies.

Although the thought of imminent recording sessions might have had something to do with their presence here, Szymanowski's *Litany to the Virgin Mary* and his *Stabat Mater* took the concert right out of the ordinary. Even more remote from the issues of the 1920s than Sibelius's Seventh, they are both purely spiritual explorations which, unless their technical sophistication excludes them from the company of John Tavener and Mother Thekla, will surely appeal to the 1990s taste for musical mysticism.

Certainly they were presented with great affection on this occasion, with particularly radiant singing from Elzbieta Szmytka, admirably idiomatic contributions from John Connell, and a remarkably confident performance from a CBSO Chorus coping not only with Szymanowski's harmonic subtleties but also with the intractable Polish language.

GERALD LARNER

Henryk's purple phase

SPARE a thought for the artistic integrity of Henryk Gorecki, the Polish composer whose doleful Third Symphony has mysteriously captured the hearts and minds of the British record-buying public.

Preparing for the "big push" intended to take Gorecki to the top of the American charts as well, Elektra Nonesuch, his American record company, is to release the symphony in an "edited" version of just ten minutes: this being the maximum time-span likely to be allocated to a single work by American radio stations. To adapt the Austrian emperor's remark to Mozart: "Too many notes, my dear Henryk."

● HOW could anyone mislay for 20 years a film written and produced by Roman Polanski, with a cameo appearance by Peter Sellers as a homosexual seaside-kiosk owner? Yet Paramount managed it with *A Day at the Beach*, about an alcoholic's perambulations one long rainy day with his estranged, young, crippled daughter.

It was made in 1970 by Simon Hesera, a director of commercials. Paramount pleaded a "paperwork error" after finally tracking down the reels to a London vault last year. The film is currently up for purchase at the American Film Market in Los Angeles. Best not to get too excited, though: one critic who caught the film in 1970 thought it had been "left out in the rain too long".

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ALTHOUGH his glamorous step-daughter Neneh has probably attracted more press attention in four years than he has in all his 30-year career, the trumpeter Don Cherry continues to pursue his highly individual brand of music without frontiers. He rounds off his British tour at Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) tonight; Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122) tomorrow; and Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800) on Monday.



Polanski: from the vaults

TELEVISION REVIEW

Who cares in the community?

Social role-play is always a hazardous game. Marie-Antoinette pretended to be a milkmaid and Orwell went down and out in Paris and London. The ends do not always justify the means and the spectacle of the affluent and able-bodied seeking out poverty and desperation can be tasteless.

Last night's **Disguises** (ITV) took this risk, with essentially successful results. Adam Holloway, a Granada reporter, went undercover as a confused schizophrenic, living rough in Birmingham, to find out how "care in the community" works in practice.

Carrying a hidden camera and playing the part with amazing sangfroid, he was able to probe the reality of a policy which seems to be losing friends by the day.

At times the technique was offensive and intrusive, especially when the concealed camera panned on genuinely attentive doctors and care-workers who were trying to help Holloway make sense of his imagined dilemma. But this was more than a psychiatric version of *The Cook Report*: the invasion of privacy which the programme's methods entailed was outweighed by the strength of the journalism and the importance of what it found.

Sent away by seven GPs on the grounds that he did not have an address, the reporter finally stumbled into a hospital casualty department asking to see "the gatekeeper" and complained that he was hearing voices. Here at last he received attention and medication and was transferred to a psychiatric ward. Just as quickly, however, he was handed a list of hostels and discharged without drugs to keep the demons at bay.

His trawl through the hostel care available revealed a desperately flawed system which at its best provided sanctuary and sensitivity, and at its worst offered only hopelessness and confusion.

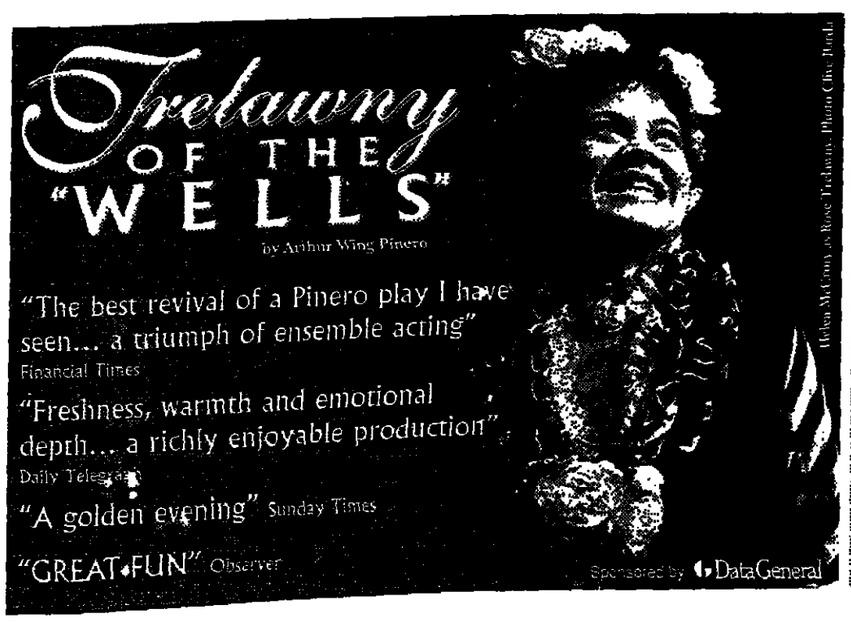
To ask a person whose personality is visibly disintegrating to "fill in a B1", go to a social security office with the necessary paperwork and appropriate proof of identification, and then return to the hostel at an appointed hour is optimistic to say the least. Care in the community is meaningless if its intended beneficiaries cannot claim their rights because of bureaucracy.

The programme ended with a taste of next week's follow-up programme, a vision of true bedlam filmed in a private hostel where Holloway spent two weeks. Were these people wandering around half-naked with virtually no supervision inmates, guests or patients?

The travesty of the image was that it so resembled the footage shown at the beginning of the programme, shot at Powick Hospital near Worcester, a ghastly Victorian asylum that closed five years ago.

If there was a lesson to be learnt, it was that doctrinal solutions have little to offer those who need psychiatric care and that quality control should be the essence of mental health policy.

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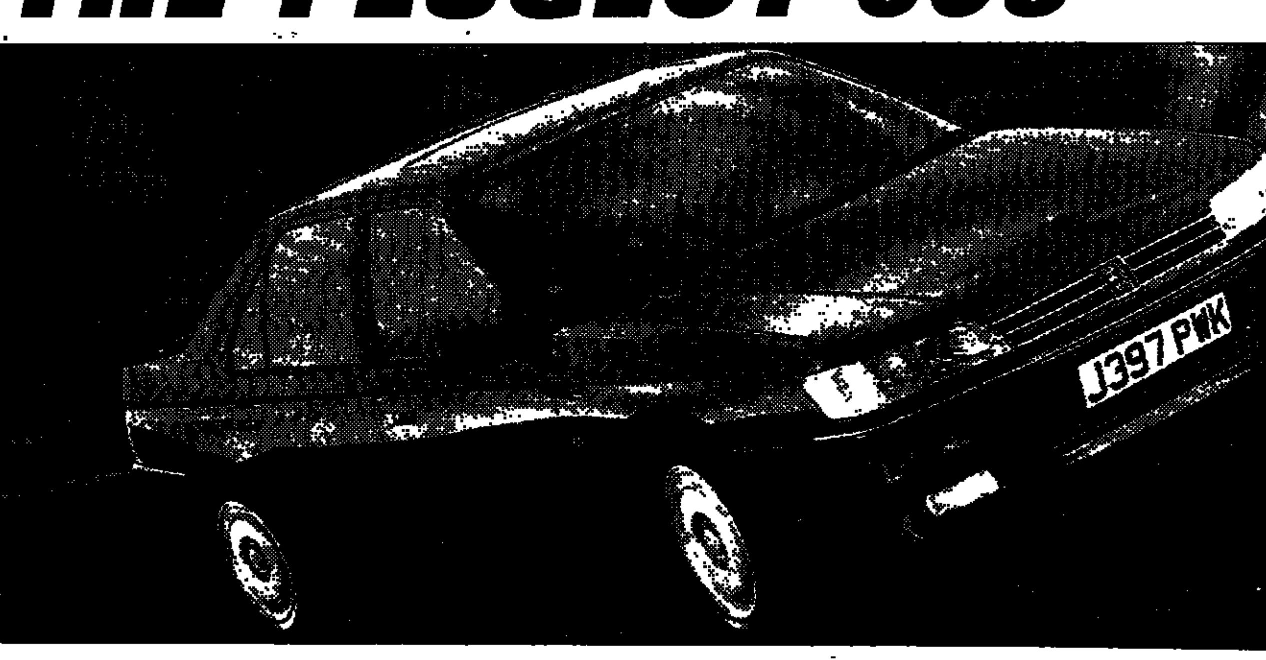
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That is, until now: a new computer system linked to a massive database of information, containing virtually all the cars sold in Britain during the past 20 years, could provide the breakthrough in helping witnesses to recall exactly which vehicle it was that they spotted outside the bank that was robbed, or near the murder scene.

The scheme is essentially a motoring version of the Photo-fit and artist's impressions techniques presently used to help witnesses recall the face of somebody believed to be involved in a crime.

The Photo-fit system is based on a computer or photo library of facial features, with gender and racial alternatives. With gentle questioning, and by viewing the picture library of alternatives, witnesses recall the face they saw. By viewing the picture library, witnesses are often able to recall exactly the face the police are keen to trace.

With cars, the problem has been that no similar database has existed, nor has there been any way of helping witnesses to recall details of a vehicle, especially if, like most of us, the witness cannot tell a Ford from a Ferrari.

This was highlighted when Dorset police needed to help to identify a vehicle believed to have been involved in a series of child abductions. Short of taking the witnesses — who were mostly children — to car parks to ask them which vehicle most resembled the one they had seen, there was little the police could do.

The witnesses could recall only that the vehicle was a green saloon with chrome bumpers and unusual back lights. In response to police calls for help, the Home Office authorised a grant from the Police Research Group to study the problem. Three years on, and the Dorset, Lancashire and Metropolitan police forces are working with a system called Motorfit.

The pilot system, developed by Motorfit Systems of Harrow, northwest London, has a database containing 7,800 photographs of 2,650 different models sold in Britain since the early 1970s. Motorfit has three teams permanently taking photographs of vehicles known to have been sold during that time but so far not on file. Also included are details from thousands of manufacturers' brochures, covering every aspect.

Witnesses can choose initially from nine common car shapes. Colour is crucial, and 144 shades of each of 18 colours can be offered. "Colour is very important," Brian Miller, the general manager of Motorfit, says.

"If the target vehicle is a red Sierra and we show the witness a Sierra in every colour except red, and put a red Cavalier in among them, then four times out of five, they will pick the Cavalier."

The vehicles included are researched painstakingly. Mr Miller says: "We found we had missed a range of Mark II Ford Cortinas that did not have a side stripe and we had to go out and find them to photograph."

Subjective impressions, such as whether the car was powerful, flashy, "male" or "female", pretentious or roomy, are also elicited. Any combination of 120 exterior features and 130 interior features are carried for each model, ranging from the exact type of door handle to upholstery and the shape of the glove-box.

Police working with Motorfit have found that just ten features of a car recalled by a witness are often enough to draw up a shortlist of possible vehicles that will include the target car.

"In the interview witnesses are taken right back to their original memory and we try to get them to see it in their mind like a freeze frame video before we show them a single picture of a car wheel or headlamp," Mr Miller says.

"What we don't do is to show the witness a selection of different alloy wheels and ask them to pick one." That approach, says Mr Miller, intends to superimpose a picture of a car on the witness's memory and to hamper accurate recollection.

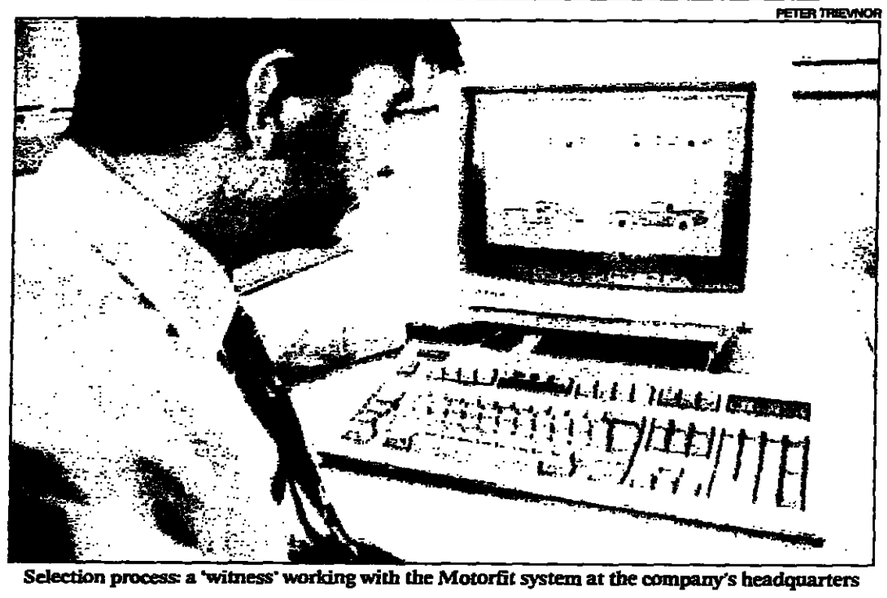
From the first interview, the shortlist of possibilities is drawn up and the witnesses later return to view the options on a high-resolution colour screen. Mr Miller says: "If they say it was a large saloon, then every large saloon is listed, but if they then say it was a powerful car, we would give more weight to that possibility."

If the witness is still unable to pick a car after viewing 60 or so images, then it is assumed he or she has failed to remember, or that a mistake has been made.

Once a vehicle is identified, the computer prints out a picture of the target vehicle and full written description for circulation to other police forces and the media.

So far, all the police forces who have enquired about the system are very keen to try it out, says Mr Miller, who is confident it will eventually be as effective in helping to resolve the increasing number of crimes where cars are involved as is its Photo-fit equivalent.

PETER TREVINOR



Selection process: a 'witness' working with the Motorfit system at the company's headquarters

Cold starts that just melt away

Saab's 'hot water bottle' for cars

Few things are more miserable than climbing into the seat of an ice-shrouded car, to wait for heaters and demisters to churn into life and raise the vehicle's temperatures to a bearable level, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

This process regularly drains the batteries, and fuel consumption rises as the engine idles at high revs to keep everything at full blast. And the environment suffers: engines pollute most when cold.

All this may change, however, with the advent of a new car-heating system.

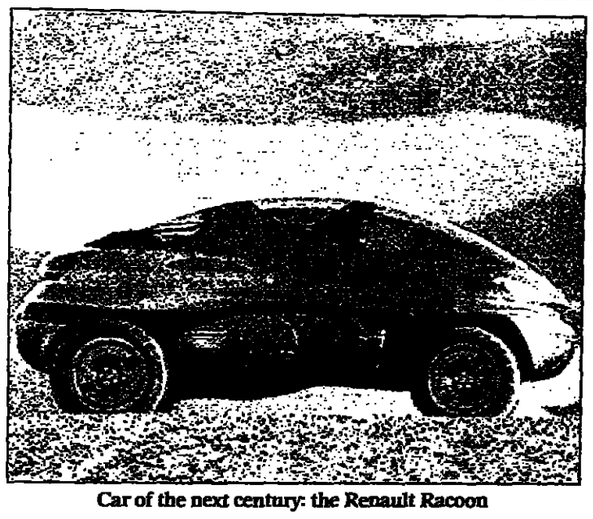
Saab engineers have come up with what they call a "super vacuum flask" which stores excess engine heat, rather than allowing it to disappear down the exhaust pipe. The thermo-accumulator also allows catalytic converters to run at peak efficiency the moment the engine is turned on.

Modern three-way catalysts eliminate 90 per cent of harmful gases once they have heated up; once warm, they are highly efficient. Saab's development ensures they are almost instantly at peak operating temperature.

At the heart of the system is a vacuum-insulated metal cylinder, similar in principle to a vacuum flask, which sits close to the engine. Inside are crystals which emit heat when solid and store it up when the temperature rises to 78C and the crystals turn to liquid.

The "bottle" stores heat derived from the engine while it is running and can maintain a temperature of at least 78C for more than three days.

This heat is instantly deployed around the vehicle when the car is turned on and delivers up to 70kW of energy during the first few seconds after ignition, helping the catalytic converter to cut carbon monoxide emissions early in a journey. Saab hopes to introduce the thermo accumulator next year as an optional extra at a cost of about £500.



Car of the next century: the Renault Racoon

Renault's new car takes the plunge

WHEN a manufacturer claims that one of its vehicles can walk on water, a certain amount of healthy scepticism is called for. But when the car's standard equipment includes life-jackets, the claim deserves a second look.

The Renault Racoon not only has its wheels mounted on telescopic legs, to enable it to go just about anywhere, but it also has a watertight body and a nautical speed of five knots.

Renault does, however, admit that the car cannot fly. Virtually anything else is possible, with standard equipment including telephone, fax machine, infra-red cameras to aid night driving, and rear facing cameras to help to spot overtaking vehicles. Renault plans to unveil the car at next week's Geneva Motor Show and the company says that while it is a prototype, it sets the agenda for off-road vehicles into the 21st century.

Warming up

☐ THE doom-mongers may insist that the era of the "hot-hatch" performance car is over, but Vauxhall seems not to have heard the warnings.

Vauxhall's 16-valve Astra GSi has just undergone a revamp, the new 137mph model featuring sharper steering, better stability, improved suspension and handling.

One of this type of vehicle's biggest drawbacks has been dramatically-increased insurance premiums, after the number of thefts soared. So the new Astra, priced at £15,320, also features deadlocks and alarm as well as an engine immobiliser.

Caught in camera

☐ THE first motorist to be successfully prosecuted solely on the basis of photographic evidence has now come before the courts and the Automobile Association reports that insurance premiums could rocket as a result of speeding convictions. The AA says that nine penalty points from speeding on your licence could see insurance rise from £382 to £635 a year for the typical 40-year-old male driving a 2-litre Cavalier SRi. Motorists who neglect to tell their insurance company of convictions could find their cover invalidated.

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VAUGHAN FREEMAN

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School discrimination justified

Board of Governors of St Matthias Church of England School v Crizzle

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J. A. Scouller and Mr R. Todd

[Judgment February 23]

The board of governors of a Church of England voluntary aided school were justified in making it a condition for the post of head teacher that applicants had to be commined communicant Christians and they were not in breach of the Race Relations Act 1976 when they failed to appoint the deputy head teacher who was of Asian origin and who was not a communicant Christian.

The governors were entitled to take a decision affecting the way in which their school was managed in spiritual affairs, there being an important distinction to be recognised between religious education and worship which affected the essential character of the school.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the board of governors of St Matthias Church of England School, Bethnal Green, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal in June 1990 that they had discriminated against the applicant, Ms Yvonne Crizzle, within the meaning of section 1(1)(b) of the Race Relations Act 1976, when they failed to appoint her as head teacher of the school.

Under section 1(1)(b)(ii) of the 1976 Act an employer could show that otherwise discriminatory conduct could "be justifiable irrespective of the colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins of the [employee]."

Mr Andrew Prynne for the governors; Mr Gooram Meeran for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the Church of England played a major role in the life of the school, particularly the religious tenets of the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

Pupils were expected to attend mass once a week and a weekly class lesson was given specifically to prepare for mass. The head teacher was frequently required to administer the sacrament of communion at mass to pupils who had been confirmed.

Under section 23 of the Education Act 1944 secular instruction was to be under the control of local education authorities but in connection with religious education the governors had greater control.

Section 1(1) of the Education Reform Act 1988 provided that it should be the duty of every governing body to exercise their functions including functions conferred on them with respect to religious education, religious worship and the national curriculum with a view to securing that the curriculum for the school satisfied the requirements of the section.

Subsection (2) required the curriculum to promote the spiritual moral cultural mental and physical development of pupils.

The applicant was of Asian origin. She was a Roman Catholic but not a communicant. She was deputy head teacher at the school.

In 1989 the headmaster resigned and the governors invited applications from teachers who were "commined communicant Christians". The applicant applied but was not selected.

On the issue of indirect discrimination it was agreed that the applicant's racial group within the meaning of section 1(1)(b) was Asian, and the persons not in that group were all those in the country otherwise qualified for the post of head teacher.

It was also agreed that the applicant had suffered detriment in that she would not have been able to qualify for shortlisting.

The sole issue therefore was that of justifiability under section 1(1)(b)(ii). The condition itself was that to be considered for shortlisting she had to be a "committed communicant Christian".

The governors maintained that the condition was justified because, *inter alia*, of the importance played by the church in the life of the school; the fact that the head teacher was frequently required to administer the sacrament at the school mass and because of the ethos of the school.

The appeal tribunal considered that the tribunal's approach should be on the following lines:

Was the objective of the governors a legitimate objective?

In the present case it was to have a head teacher who could lead the school in spiritual worship and in particular the administering of the sacrament at the weekly mass to those who were confirmed.

Were the means used to achieve the objective reasonable in themselves and, when balanced on the principle of proportionality between the discriminatory effect upon the applicant's racial group and the reasonable needs of the governors, justified?

The same tests would apply to any board of governors who restricted the head teacher to being a Jew or a Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist or any other religion, hence the importance of the present case.

It seemed to the appeal tribunal that the governors were entitled to take a decision affecting the way in which their own shcool was managed in spiritual affairs.

It went beyond religious education and included worship and affected the essential character of the school. The objectives of the governors related to the spiritual practices at the school and its ethos.

The governors thought it was in the best interests of the school if it was led by a head teacher who assisted at mass and gave communion.

The industrial tribunal had adopted a different approach. It had considered that it was not the needs of the school itself as reasonably seen by the governors that was relevant but of a school regulated by the governors within the framework of the Education Acts.

The appeal tribunal concluded that it was not religious education which was the central issue but religious worship and the ethos of the school.

The test in *Hampson v Department of Education and Science* ([1989] ICR 179) as approved in *Webb v Emo Air Cargo Ltd* ([1993] 1 WLR 49) was, *per* Lord Justice Balcombe: "In my judgment 'justifiable' requires an objective balance between the discriminatory effect of the condition and the reasonable needs of the parties who applied the condition".

The industrial tribunal had not applied the correct test which was whether the objective of the governors was a reasonable one for them to seek and whether the way in which they sought to achieve it was justifiable in the sense set out by Lord Justice Balcombe.

The appeal tribunal considered that the objective was reasonable, the means used to achieve it were reasonable and when balanced on the principle of proportionality between the discriminatory effect upon the applicant's racial group and the reasonable needs of the governors, the objective was justifiable.

The appeal would be allowed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Winckworth & Pemberton, Westminster; Karim.

Housing allocation arbitrary and unfair

Regina v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, Ex parte Mohib Ali
Regina v Same, Ex parte Ain Uddin and Others

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment February 5]

Criteria adopted by a local housing authority for letting houses to homeless families were applied in an arbitrary and random way which was irrational and unfair to the applicants.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on applications for judicial review, quashing decisions that suitable offers of accommodation had been made by Tower Hamlets London Borough Council to Mohib Ali, Ain Uddin, Angur Miah and Abdul Wahab

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Robert Latham for Mohib Ali; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Terence Gallivan for Ain Uddin and Others; Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the council.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said all four applicants were Bangladeshis each of whom was unintentionally homeless and in priority need. The council had a duty under the Housing Act 1985 to secure them accommodation.

The council's standard lettings criteria provided that families containing persons under 10 or over 60 years of age would not be housed above the fourth floor; that families would be given one living room, one bedroom for parents and a further bedroom for every two children of the same sex; that applicants' choice of area would be met where possible.

In 1986, concerned that homeless families were spending up four years in temporary accommodation, the council had adopted amended criteria for homeless families, who were offered properties irrespective of area preference on any floor level and to the minimum legal space standards.

Following representations from the Commission for Racial Equality, the amended criteria were subject to monitoring by a panel of council members, with a right of appeal to senior housing officers and automatic entry to the transfer list for families offered below-standard accommodation.

Those procedural protections had all since been removed. The council had devolved the allocation of accommodation to its seven neighbourhoods. It was up to each neighbourhood whether it applied the amended letting criteria.

It was clear that in practice those criteria were applied in relation to Bangladeshis to a much greater extent than in relation to white homeless families. Six of the seven neighbourhoods were critical of the criteria in theory and some did not apply them in practice.

The applicants submitted that the council had failed to adopt and apply any consistent standards or principles for the allocation of housing for the homeless. They also submitted that the only proper basis for allocation of accommodation was housing need and it was arbitrary and irrational to exclude the homeless from the list for transfer to accommodation satisfying the standard letting criteria.

There was nothing unlawful in seeking to reduce the use of temporary hotel accommodation for homeless persons.

But the removal of the 1986 safeguards, together with the apparently arbitrary and random way the policy was operated between neighbourhoods, demonstrated unfairness and irrationality requiring intervention by the court.

The court rejected submissions that the council was practising discrimination on racial grounds.

Solicitors: T. V. Edwards & Co, Tower Hamlets; Mr R. A. Joy, Tower Hamlets.

Venables wise to back down in squabble over Barmby



DAVID MILLER
Chief Sports Correspondent

Solomon would have found it a difficult adjudication. Sympathies in the case between Tottenham Hotspur and the FA over the release of Nick Barmby, for the Fifa under-19 championships, are evenly divided among those who care for the game. Club v country has never been an easy issue.

To whom, in this instance, does this youngster belong? The truth, of course, is that he belongs to no-one but himself. Tottenham would no doubt claim the age-old proprietorial right: they are paying his wages. The moral foundation of that claim is suspect, as any employer is likely to discover at an industrial tribunal.

By whom has Barmby been developed? The answer could indicate in whose favour the decision should be made. If Tottenham have directly assisted and promoted his career, the FA can justifiably say that it, by its paternalism in the maintenance of the structure of football in England, have equally assisted his emergence.

Who needs him most? The arithmetic of that is complex. Tottenham's need, commercially, is the more instant and urgent, as Terry Venables, their chief executive, has been at pains to emphasise before deciding yesterday to release Barmby. Tottenham are without both Durie and Howells, possibly replacements; they are out of the running in all competitions other than the FA Cup, which could yet make their season, commercially and emotionally. It was a persuasive argument.

The FA, however, rightly say that England's international success is fundamental to the success of the whole English game; that it is international tournaments and their projection, and accompanying glamour, that attracts young players to the game in preference to dozens of tempting contemporary attractions. Representing England strikes an even stronger note in a child's mind than representing Tottenham, say. That may be why Venables has made an enigmatic reference to the death of Bobby Moore.

The under-19 team of today is the World Cup team of tomorrow. Their needs, therefore, are both morally and practically as great as Tottenham's. Some would say, in the long term, greater.

And what, at this moment in his career is best for Barmby? His interests, fundamentally, come first. In my opinion, though Venables initially sought to differ, there is more to be gained in the development of Barmby's personality, by playing in an international environment in Australia, against a variety of styles, and with differing referees, than there is from the cut and thrust of a conventional English cup-tie against Manchester City next week.

That is an experience which is regularly available, and evidence demonstrates that it does not fully prepare international players. We have seen too often how players who are at ease in a club environment melt into insignificance on the international stage. By going to Australia, Barmy will be learning to become at home away from home.

Almost more than his football skills, that was the definitive characteristic of Bobby Moore, and if the sadness of his death, to which Venables has referred, has prompted Tottenham's change of mind, more credit to Moore's example.

The logic of an earlier press statement by Venables did not, I feel, withstand examination. The fact that David Burnside, the under 19 coach, considers Barmby is a candidate for the senior international side, would seem to support not Tottenham's case, as Venables argues, but the FA's.

Tottenham are a famous club which, as Venables says, has traditionally supported international football. Some of us may not be wholly happy about the club's successive chairmanship by gentlemen named, somewhat inappropriately, Scholar and Sugar; but that should not cloud the issue. It was correct for Barmby to be released, in my opinion, and Tottenham acted wisely. Persistence of England's international programme was, after all, part of the justification for the formation of the Premier League.

Officials stay in pursuit of rebel on run

BY DAVID POWELL

IT WILL be another three weeks at least before Robert Hamilton-Jones, the club runner defying his suspension for a drug test violation, learns how the British Athletic Federation (BAF) proposes to stop him competing while banned. Hamilton-Jones disregarded his suspension for the second time on Wednesday, using a false name to enter an open indoor 1,500 metres in Glasgow.

David Bedford, the BAF secretary, said yesterday that the case of Hamilton-Jones, 22, could not be discussed until the next management board meeting, after the annual meeting on March 20.

He said, however: "I believe that by continually flouting the ban, it will mean that the BAF ultimately will have no alternative but to act more strongly than it would have wished."

As the club athlete fighting the sport's rulers over a drugs charge, Hamilton-Jones is something of a pioneer. After his first competition under suspension, in a road race in December, Bedford described his actions as "very serious", adding that "strong and immediate action" was needed. However, he was discussed only briefly at the next management board meeting.

Hamilton-Jones is suspended for four years, having failed to provide a urine sample after a GRE Cup 5,000 metres in July 1991. He claimed he had work to go to. Amateurs should not be subject to the same conditions as professionals, he argued.

But Bedford said: "There has to be a common set of rules. Amateurs and professionals do, on occasion, take part in the same events."

John Ngugi, the world cross-country champion, who failed to provide a sample recently, is being allowed to compete, pending an investigation by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Hamilton-Jones believes his case will be strengthed if Ngugi is cleared.

Bedford said: "I agree with that. I believe that would be a precedent. But, equally, if Hamilton-Jones had not been given a four-year ban, Ngugi would be the one calling on precedent." He added that it had been the wish of Britain's clubs to introduce testing to competition.

One-day series resumes in India

Gooch moves down order as England look for salvation

FROM PETER BALL IN BANGALORE

THE turmoil of Graham Gooch, the England captain, showed no sign of abating here yesterday. After revealing that he has been troubled by a knee in recent weeks, he dropped himself down to No. 6 for today's third one-day international.

The two are not connected. The knee problem, for which he has been receiving physiotherapy, is the latest in a series of ailments to affect him on the tour. "My left knee has been a bit awkward for the past few weeks," Gooch said yesterday. "It's a bit of a wear and tear problem, a bit of a nuisance, but it hasn't been hampering my playing."

Gooch will see the Essex physiotherapist on his return, and will then decide if an operation is necessary. If so, it should not prevent him beginning next season.

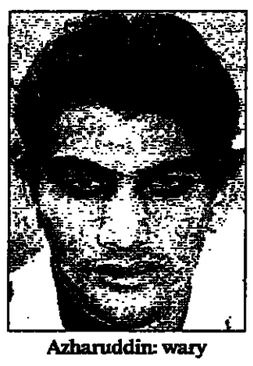
The decision to move down the order is much more suggestive. "He has done it because he didn't contribute to a good start in the two previous one-day matches." Bob Bennett, the tour manager, said after last night's selection committee meeting.

On the face of it, that may sound a reasonable explanation, but those matches were five weeks ago, and the decision reveals that Gooch's uncertainty about his future is deep-seated.

Yesterday, he again insisted that he needs to discuss his future with Keith Fletcher before he flies home, even though the England manager this week reiterated that Gooch should continue as captain.

"I'm going to have a long talk with Keith before I go," Gooch said, "and then I'm going to go away and think about my future, and Keith's going to think about England's.

"We're both concerned about the future of English cricket, and we're both concerned about the fact that we haven't done very well out here. I've given a lot to the England captaincy over the years; I've put my heart and soul into it and I'd like to think I've still got something to offer. Nevertheless, you have to think about what is best for the side. All good things come to an end, and no one wants to go on longer than they are worth."



Azharuddin: wary

If that was characteristically downbeat, Gooch repeated his hope that he still could do a job. The immediately one is to lift the side for the rest of the one-day series.

At least England could hardly have come to a better setting to restore troubled psyches. With its wide avenues and gardens lined with eucalyptus and palm trees, and the fresh clear air you find 3,000 feet above sea level, the capital of the of Karnataka is the most appealing of towns.

Gooch, however, is aware that the best cure for the wounds suffered in the disastrous defeats in the Test series would be to win the one-day matches. "We are leaving India in eight or nine days and when we go we want to have won some matches," he said.

"We balanced our side between the Tests and the one-day internationals, so to go away without winning, or at least doing well, in the one-day matches would make the tour a complete no no."

Gooch is making no pretence that success in the coming week will completely salvage the tour for he is enough of a traditionalist to believe that Test cricket is preeminent, and if there was any satisfaction for him in the Test series it was the enthusiasm the Indian public showed for the matches.

In the wake of the Test success, they are equally excited about the one-day contests. Bangalore's 45,000-seat stadium is sold out, and the state legislature cancelled today's session, to the fury of one opposition leader, who led a walk out on Wednesday protesting about "cricket's hysteria".

It is an apt term for one-day matches, which normally end in high drama, and the nature of the game suggests that these contests are likely to be much more finely balanced affairs than the Test series was. Accordingly, the Indian team has been trying to dampen down excessive expectations: Azharuddin, their captain, pointing out that England are the World Cup runners-up. That, though, seems light years ago.

Dexter's plight, page 1

Taylor leads dogged Australian effort

Christchurch: A dogged 82 on a green pitch by Mark Taylor, the opening batsman, put Australia on top at the end of the first day of the first Test match against New Zealand here yesterday.

Australia, sent in to bat, ended the day at 217 for three and, but for some rash shots by the three batsmen who got out, they could have been in an even stronger position.

Taylor received solid support from Justin Langer, who was 63 not out, and finished the day in partnership with Steve Waugh, who was on 33. Taylor had not passed 50 in a Test since he scored a century against India in Adelaide in January 1992.

Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, had no hesitation in asking Australia to bat on the Lancaster Park pitch, which had sweated under covers in the rain on Wednesday, but his four-man fast attack bowled a poor line.

Boon was out for 15, flashing at a wide ball in Michael Owens's first over to give the wicketkeeper, Adam Parore, a diving catch.

Taylor began scratchily, but grew in confidence, and it was a surprise when he miscued a pull off Danny Morrison to give a catch to Martin Crowe. In nearly five hours at the crease he hit six fours.

When Mark Waugh was caught behind from the off spinner, Dipak Patel, for 13, New Zealand had a glimmer of hope at 170 for three, but Steve Waugh joined the solid left-hander, Langer, and unleashed some fierce drives as he overcame a shaky start. *(Reuter)*

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

D C Boon c Parore b Owens	15
M A Taylor c Crowe b Morrison	82
J L Langer not out	63
M E Waugh c Parore b Patel	13
S R Waugh not out	33
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 5)	11
Total (3 wkts)	217

*A R Border, †I A Healy, P R Reiffel, M G Hughes, C J McDermott and S K Warne to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-149, 3-170.

BOWLING: Morrison 21-6-38-1, Su'a 18-5-41-0; Cairns 19-8-40-0, Owens 13-4-25-1, Patel 19-3-68-1

NEW ZEALAND: M J Greatbatch, J G Wright, A H Jones, *M D Crowe, K R Rutherford, †A C Parore, C L Cairns, D N Patel, M L Su'a, D K Morrison, M B Owens.



GRAHAM MORRIS

Winning way: Walsh's pace ripped apart the Pakistan middle order

Pakistanis skittled out for 43

Cape Town: South African cricket officials have threatened to stop using Newlands as an international venue after West Indies trounced Pakistan in less than three hours on a pitch resembling a minefield yesterday. Pakistan were bundled out for 43, the lowest total in a one-day international.

West Indies won by seven wickets, scoring 45 for three off 12.3 overs in the rehearsal for the final of the triangular series tomorrow. Both had already qualified from the round-robin stage with three victories to South Africa's two.

The previous smallest total in a one-day international was Canada's 45 against England at Old Trafford in the 1979 World Cup. Pakistan's innings was also 4.2 overs fewer than the previous shortest, that of India, against Sri Lanka in 1986-7. Pakistan's previous lowest was 71, against West Indies at Brisbane in the World Cup last year.

"The Test status of Newlands is in question now," Krish Mackerdhuj, the president of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said. "For an international match to be over within three hours is totally unacceptable."

Ali Bacher, the general manager of UCBSA, said he was appalled by the pitch. "I was horrified that someone would end up with a fractured arm or worse," he said.

Pakistan were sent in to bat and Patterson dismissed Ramiz Raja with the first ball. Walsh, who took four for 17, accelerated the collapse, dismissing Salim Malik, for one, and Asif Mujtaba and Wasim Akram, for nought, in an over. Zahid Fazal was Pakistan's highest scorer with 21.

Cummins, playing for the first time in the series after a bout of chickenpox in Australia, wrapped up the tail by taking three for ten.

☐ Scott Hamilton, the groundsman who prepared a perfect pitch for the West Indies bowlers in the fifth Test against Australia in Perth last month, has been dismissed.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja c Lara b Patterson	0
Ghulam Ali c Hooper b Patterson	2
Saeed Anwar c Murray b Walsh	5
Zahid Fazal c Lara b Simmons	21
Salim Malik c Haynes b Walsh	1
Asif Mujtaba c Lara b Walsh	0
*Wasim Akram c Hooper b Walsh	0
†Rashid Latif c Logie b Cummins	0
Waqar Younis b Cummins	0
Mushtaq Ahmed c Simmons b Cummins	0
Aqib Javed not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 1; w 2, nb 6)	10
Total (19.5 overs)	43

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-11, 4-14, 5-14, 6-14, 7-25, 8-25, 9-26.

BOWLING: Patterson 6-0-14-2 (nb 5), Walsh 9-2-17-4 (w 1), Cummins 4-0-10-3 (w 1, nb 1); Simmons 0.5-0-0-1.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes lbw b Waqar	0
B C Lara not out	28
P V Simmons c Malik b Wasim	2
C L Hooper c Mushtaq b Wasim	1
*R B Richardson not out	7
Extras (lb 7, nb 2)	9
Total (3 wkts, 12.3 overs)	45

A L Logie, J C Adams, †J R Murray, A C Cummins, C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-9, 3-11.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 5-1-7-1, Wasim Akram 6-0-22-2 (nb2), Aqib Javed 1.3-0-9-0.

Final positions

	P	W	L	Pts
West Indies	6	4	2	8
Pakistan	6	3	3	6
South Africa	6	2	4	4

IN BRIEF

France back on grand prix circuit

The French grand prix has been restored to its place on the 1993 Formula One schedule after settlement of a dispute over an anti-smoking law, the sport's governing body announced yesterday.

The race will take place as originally scheduled on July 4 at the Magny-Cours circuit. Max Mosley, president of the International Auto Sports Federation (Fisa), said.

Mosley said the federation reached its decision after receiving adequate assurances from French government and motor racing officials regarding implementation of France's anti-smoking laws. It was also announced that the Canon Williams team will take part in this year's championship.

First woman president

Badminton: The first woman president in the history of the International Badminton Federation is to succeed Arthur Jones, of England, in the role in August. She is Lu Shengrong, one of the few women officials to reach the top of an international sport, and the first Chinese person to hold the IBF presidency.

Lu, only the second Asian to hold the post in an Asian dominated sport, became involved in badminton as an interpreter in 1978 and made such a good impression that within four years she had become an IBF councillor.

☐ China's world champion, Zhao Jianhua, injured and disappointed at his poor showing at the Olympic Games, has retired from singles play, according to the official *China Sports Daily*.

Call for blood tests

Athletics: More than 86 per cent of leading German athletes are in favour of blood tests being introduced in an attempt to eliminate doping. Results of a survey, published by the German sports magazine, *Sports*, yesterday showed that 175 of 202 athletes wanted the tests.

☐ The Butch Reynolds affair is off the agenda until the end of May, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) indicated yesterday. The general secretary, Istvan Gyulai, said the case was expected to be discussed at an IAAF Council meeting in Stuttgart on May 23 and 24.

Pitch protest

Football: Paris Saint-Germain, whose Parc des Princes pitch is being relaid, protested yesterday after being ordered to play a first-round French Cup match at Nancy, 125 miles east of the capital. Paris Saint-Germain were drawn at home to Strasbourg, in a match to be played on March 7, but had to switch after their pitch needed repairs.

First stop Wales

Rugby league: New Zealand will open their 11-match tour of Britain next season with a match against Wales — the first meeting between the two countries for 18 years. The match, on Sunday, October 3, will probably be played at Swansea's Vetch Field.

Three to go

Skiing: David Cook, Emma Carrick-Anderson and Shona Robertson will represent Britain at the world junior championships in Monte Campione, Italy, from March 1 to 7.

Welcome mat

Taiwan will ease restrictions on visits by mainland Chinese to permit the first trip by Chinese sports teams to the island, a senior government official said yesterday.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *40*

WIDOW

(c) In typography, a short line at the end of a paragraph, especially one that is set at the top of a page or a column, or which contains only one (or part of) a word, which is considered unsightly by illiterate newspaper designers, who pity the plumage and forget the dying bird: from the metaphor of being left on one's own: "It is a common experience, when working for *Vogue* [or *The Times*], to be asked to add a few words to a paragraph to avoid unsightly widows or single-word lines."

COUPE

(b) A periodic felling of trees; also the area so cleared; from the French *couper* to cut: 1922: "The annual or periodic coupes were further reduced to strips or to groups, known as the "Strip and the Group systems".

JELUTONG

(b) A Malaysian tree of the genus *Dyera*, especially *Dyera costulata*, which produces a latex when tapped; the latex or light-coloured woood from a tree of this kind: from the Malay: "Jelutong is well adapted for patterns and mouldings, excellent for carving purposes."

PEDAL

(c) Applied to the lower and thicker part of a kind of straw grown in Italy for plaiting elliptically, a special plait made from this straw, usually having five or seven strands: from the Italian *pedale*: "Fine pedal straw has returned, and is seen in a brimmed hat, with the new sweeping line.

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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Giants 94 (Rogers, Lloyd 19), Leicester Riders 103 (Waldron 33, Rose 17).
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 103, New Jersey Nets 88; Miami Heat 102, Portland Trail Blazers 91; Atlanta Hawks 132, Philadelphia 76ers 107; Washington Bullets 105, Indiana Pacers 101; Seattle SuperSonics 89, Minnesota Timberwolves 77; Denver Nuggets 113, Dallas Mavericks 92; New York Knicks 91, Milwaukee Bucks 90; Golden State Warriors 120, Utah Jazz 109; Los Angeles Lakers 104, Sacramento Kings 99

CRICKET

CUTTACK: First one-day international: England Under-19 197-9 (C Mulraine 38, M Harvey 36); India Under-19 198-3 (India won by 7 wickets.

FOOTBALL

ARTEMIO FRANCHI TROPHY: Argentina (South American champions) 1, Denmark (European champions) 1 (Argentina won 5-4 on penalties) (in Mar del Plata).
Late results on Wednesday
FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 0, Leeds United 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Queens Park Rangers 0
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Derby County 2, Leicester City 0; Newcastle United 0, Bristol Rovers 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 0, Dundee United 0.
WORLD CUP, Group one (Oporto): Portugal 1, Italy 3. Group Two: (Utrecht) Holland 3, Turkey 1. Group Three (Seville): Spain 5, Lithuania 0.
VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: Third round replays: Boston Utd 4, Telford 0; Gateshead 3, Grays 0; Warrington 3, Merthyr Tydfil 2 (aet)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Cheltenham 2, Exeter 1; Plymouth 4, Swansea 2; Torquay 2, Bristol Rovers 2; Yeovil 1, Cardiff 1
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton 1, Eastwood 2.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby 0, Belper 1; Ecclesfull 1, Spennymoor 1.

HOCKEY

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Edinburgh 3, Liverpool 0; Exeter 0, Loughborough 4; Reading 1, Bristol 4; Birmingham 2, Durham 2 (4-3 on pen strokes).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 10, Detroit Red Wings 7; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Hartford Whalers 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, New York Rangers 4.

RUGBY FIVES

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford (M Cavanagh, J Martin-Jenkins, M Booth, R Baty, I Colak-Antic, S Lord, O Board, T Pedrick) bt Cambridge (P D'Ancona, B Tabarrier, T Carce, J Fisher, M Wyvyan-Robinson, M Gee, P Neale, M Latham), 276-146 (at St Paul's School, Barnes).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
Barclays League
Second division
Rotherham v Bournemouth.....
Stockport v Mansfield .....
Third division
Colchester v Halifax (7.45).....
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Limerick (7.45).
UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Republic of Ireland v England (at Dalymount Park, Dublin, 5.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Third division
Nottingham City v Batley (7.45).....
OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: AAA indoor championships (NIA, Birmingham).
BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).
BOXING: British super-featherweight title: Neil Haddock (Llanelli) v Stevo Walker (Manchester) (at Manchester).
SWIMMING: British grand prix meet (High Wycombe).
TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Telford)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rochdale 30, London Crusaders 18.
NATWEST STUDENTS CUP: Final: Cardiff Inst 31, Salford Univ 22 (at Sheffield).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Met Police 25, Royal Navy 8; Blackheath 10, Regatos (Arg) 27.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes British Open: Third round (England unless stated): C Edwards bt A Knowles, 5-1; S Newbury (Wales) bt M Johnston-Allen, 5-1; N Bond bt A Moo, 5-2; M Bennett (Wales) bt D Hackleson, 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt J Prince (N Ire), 5-2; D Roe bt M Williams (Wales), 5-1; S Hendry (Scot) bt J Ferguson, 5-0. Fourth round: W Thorne bt A Hamilton, 5-1; D Morgan (Wales) bt W King (Aus), 5-0; J Higgins (Scot) bt N Terry, 5-3; K Doherty (Ire) bt D Smith, 5-1.

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS, California: Evert Cup women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: T Austin bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; R McQuillan (Aus) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-3, 6-1; M Fernandez bt R Ann, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt R Simpson-Aker (Can), 6-3, 7-6; G Helgeson bt C Cunningham, 6-0, 1-6, 6-2; C Wood (GB) bt K Rinaldi, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; S Rotter (Holl) bt J Steven, 6-0, 6-4; L Davenport bt D Graham, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; B Schultz (Holl) bt D van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 6-3; M Oremans (Holl) bt M Werdel, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3; K Po bt A Grossman, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; N Provis (Aus) bt A Mall (Aus), 6-1, 6-0.
SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: B Gilbert bt A O'Brien, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-4, 6-2; M Ondruska (SA) bt D Wheaton, 7-5, 6-3; D Rostagno bt T Enqvist (Swe), 6-1, 6-4
TELFORD: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament (GB unless stated): First round: F Cousin (Fr) bt R Eriksson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; C Wilkinson bt J Delgado, 6-4, 6-1; P Pambianco (It) bt J Simbozel (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; T Spinks bt T Brönkengor (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; R Matheson bt B Madsen (Holl), 7-6, 7-6; S Hette (Fr) bt R Wawra (Austria), 6-4, 6-4; A Klitinov (Macedonia) bt C Geyer (Ger), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; P Hand bt T Woinderfer (Austria), 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. Second round: Wilkinson bt Hand, 6-3, 6-4, Pambianco bt Spinks, 6-1, 6-3. Hette bt Matheson, 6-2, 6-4; H Priller (Austria) bt M Mactagan, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; Cousin bt Klitinov, 6-3, 6-4; M Barnard (SA) bt F Silverberg (Bri), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; A Foster bt D Sapsford, 7-6, 6-1; M Petchey bt W Arthurs (Aus), 6-3, 6-2.
LINZ, Austria: Women's tournament: Second round: K Boogert (Holl) bt J Durie (GB), 7-5, 6-4.
ROTTERDAM: Men's world indoor tournament: First round: G Prpic (Cro) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; R Kok (Holl) bt P Kühnen (Ger), 6-4, 6-4; J Siemerink (Holl) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. Second round: A Volkov (Russ) bt F Wibier (Holl), 6-3, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt H Holm (Swe), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt T Nijssan (Holl), 6-2, 6-0; O Camporese (It) bt Kok, 6-2, 6-2; K Carlson (Den) bt Siemerink, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; A Olmovsky (Russ) bt Prpic, 6-2, 6-3.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 15.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Goldring), 3,454 miles; 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,489; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 3,498; 4, Holbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,509; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,507

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IN BRIEF

France back on grand prix circuit

First woman president

Industry must act to offset lack of horses

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

AN ALARMING decline in the number of Flat and National Hunt horses is posing a serious threat to the fabric of the sport, as well as bookmaker and government revenue, according to a Jockey Club report published today.

By the end of this year it is estimated horses in training will have fallen by 1,963 — equivalent to 16.2 per cent — since 1990.

The annual horses-in-training statistics confirm the ravaging effects of the economic recession and racing's unique problems which are forcing growing numbers of owners out of the sport.

The Jockey Club's analysis has been carried out to assess the immediate impact of the known reduction in horses and to project the likely decrease in the months ahead.

"The number of races, fixtures, betting turnover, levy, government receipts and employment are all under threat," the survey says.

The decline in prospect, outlined in the report, shows:

☐ A projected decrease in the number of horses in training for 1993 of 8.2 per cent (11,022 to 10,121).

☐ The annual decline over the past three years has got progressively worse. 1991 - 3.1 per cent; 1992 - 5.9 per cent; 1993 (projected - 8.2 per cent) -12,084 to 10,121.

☐ A projected decline in two-year-olds of 8.9 per cent, compared to 2.6 per cent in 1992. The reduction will run throughout the generation.

☐ A likely reduction by 7.1 per cent in three-year-olds for 1993, following a 12.2 reduction last year.

☐ A steep reduction in four-year-olds of 15.8 per cent.

☐ A significant reduction of 10.8 per cent in jump horses in training this year.

☐ An acute slump in the autumn of 1992, which suggests the decline is set to worsen. Compared to the average monthly decline of 4.3 per cent in the first nine months of 1992, the last three months showed an average decline of 9.8 per cent.

☐ A long-term projection for 1994 suggesting a further 7.4 per cent decline "even if the decline in two-year-old numbers can be halted and the decline in other age groups stays the same."

The Jockey Club admits producing such figures may promote gloom and doom "but they are a fact and cannot be ignored."

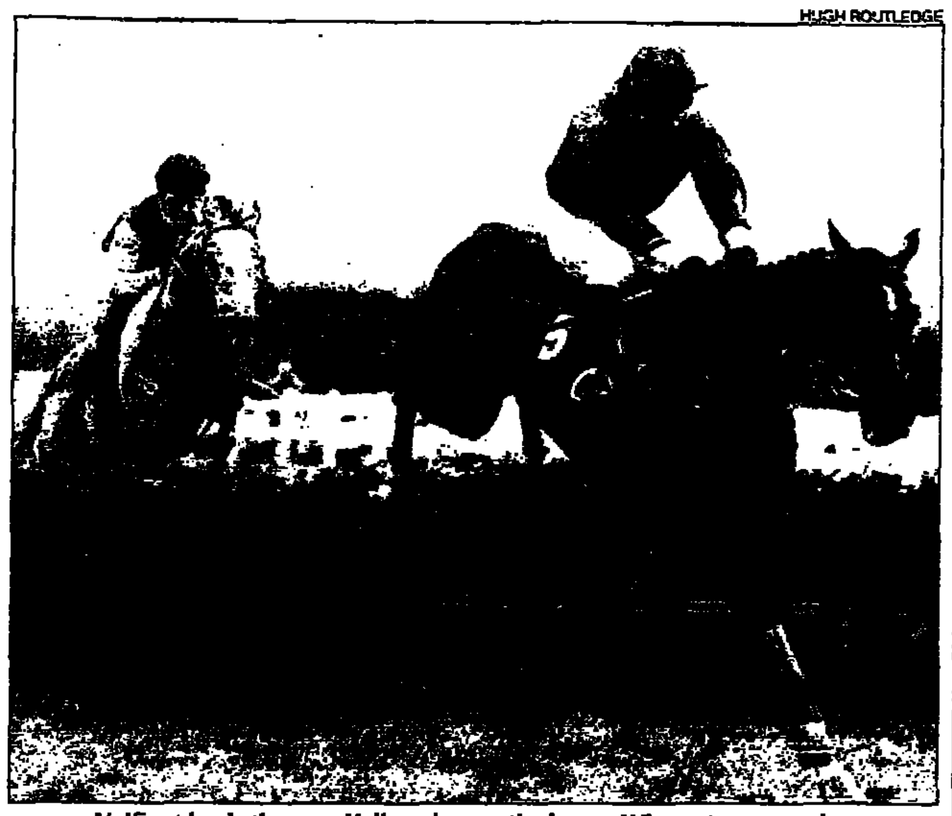
Although owners who remain will enjoy "unprecedented opportunities" due to a smaller number sharing what will be a bigger prize-money cake, the precariously small number of horses contesting some races threatens to jeopardise the fixture list and bookmaker turnover.

The report concludes: "This all suggests that a climate which will restore confidence and attract new owners and horses is urgently required.

"There must be an examination of all sources of finance, an initiative to promote ownership and steps to try and retain owners more effectively than in the recent past. It will require positive action by all in the industry, by bookmakers and by government."

Doping confirmed, page 40

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Valfinet leads the grey Kribensis over the last at Wincanton yesterday

Pipe strengthens title hand

THE bookmakers were singing in the Wincanton rain yesterday as Muse became the latest Champion Hurdle favourite to suffer an ignominious defeat (Richard Evans writes).

From the moment Valfinet won the fight for the lead in the Kingwell Hurdle the hopes of David Elsworth's market leader took a nosedive.

In the end it was left to the veteran Kribensis, winner of the 1990 Champion Hurdle, to pose some kind of challenge. Despite mistakes at the fifth and sixth flights, Valfinet was always in command and won comfortably by five lengths, with Muse 15 lengths away in third.

Elsworth commented: "They were always going a stride too fast for Muse and you would have to be worried that the same might happen at Cheltenham."

Kribensis had been facing the threat of retirement but a delighted Michael Stoute commented: "He was always travelling well and the old horse is on his way back. That will put an edge on him for Cheltenham."

Martin Pipe is now in the envious position of having two serious candidates for what is one of the most open Champion Hurdles in years. Granville Again, the champion trainer's other runner, is vying for favouritism with Coulton at 5-1.

While yesterday's race may offer some guidance to the outcome of the hurdling crown in 18 days' time, the same cannot be said of the Jim Ford Challenge Cup, normally a significant Gold Cup trial.

Cavvies Clown has run only twice in the past two years but was still good enough to add to his two previous Jim Ford victories, back in 1989 and 1990. Now aged 13 and not entered in the Gold Cup, he forged ahead after the final fence to defy Garrison Savannah, the Jenny Pitman-trained stable companion. Cool Ground finished a disappointing third.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TONY'S DELIGHT
(5.15 Stratford)

Next best: Mister Feathers
(2.45 Stratford)

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Grand Hawk. 2.50 Sheer Jest. 3.20 Ashfold Copse. 3.50 Broughton Manor. 4.20 Sea Buck. 4.50 Jatinga.

Brian Beel: 2.50 Sheer Jest.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 ASHFOLD COPSE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 BEDFONT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

101 0-113 SALLY CLOVER 83 (G,S) N Henderson 6-11-7 R Dunwoody
102 2113 GRAND HAWK 15 (B,CD,BF,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-7 P Scudamore
103 32 FOR PETER 1005 G Peter-Hoblyn 8-11-0 D Geoghegan (5)
104 2444 FREDS MELODY 29 F Tucker 8-11-0 C Maude
105 4-45F CANDOUGE GLEN 27 (G,S) J Gifford 6-11-0 E Murphy
106 62 JOLLY JAUNT 671 M Wilkinson 8-11-0 S J O'Neill
107 06 KARUBA 17 P Flower 5-11-0 D Fortt (7)
108 0-112 THE MINE CAPTAIN T F O'Mahony 6-11-0 R Farrant (5)
109 30-4 TUDOR FABLE 26 (BF) N Henderson 5-11-0 J Kavanagh
110 0 P0 UP TO ME 9 R Rowe 10-11-0 R Rowell
111 00 ILDERTON ROAD 15 Mrs B Waring 6-10-9 N Mann

4-6 Grand Hawk, 5-2 Sally Clover, 9-1 Gandouge Glen, 12-1 The Mine Captain, 14-1 Tudor Fable, 16-1 others.

2.50 CORINTHIAN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,500: 3m) (7)

201 2211- SHEER JEST 273 (F,G) W Warner 8-12-7 A Hill (3)
202 3/125- BARTRES 329 (D,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 14-12-4 J Durkan (3)
203 UP0-1 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 15 (G) H Wellstead 9-12-4 M G Miller (7)
204 2-553 SPARTAN DANCER 20 (G) M Trickey 9-12-4 G Edwards (7)
205 35/2P- GLENAVEY 303 (S) M Roberts 12-12-0 P Hacking (3)
206 4/P4-4 QUICK REACTION 15 (BF) Mrs E Heath 10-12-0 S Andrews (3)
207 P6P2 RAYON VERT 1520 Mrs T Mitford 10-12-0 T Woolridge (7)

5-4 Sheer Jest, 6-4 Seven Of Diamonds, 8-1 Bartres, 12-1 Glenavey, Quick Reaction, 16-1 Spartan Dancer, 40-1 Rayon Vert.

3.20 MANOR NOVICES CHASE (£3,080: 3m) (7)

301 11P2 ASHFOLD COPSE 62 (G,S) G Harwood 7-11-10 M Perrett
302 1250 CAMELOT KNIGHT 20 (CD,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
303 UF14 NEWS REVIEW 11 (D,S) D Williams 10-11-10 Mr E Williams (7)
304 0-F31 RU VALENTINO 16 (D,F,G) J Edwards 9-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
305 0/FP0 HUNTING DIARY 15 J Mullins 7-11-4 J Frost
306 P2U6 TANGLED STRING 23 (BF) C C Elsey 9-11-4 G Bradley
307 PFF3 TITUS ANDRONICUS 7 N Gaselee 6-11-4 J Kavanagh

Evens Ashfold Copse, 2-1 Camelot Knight, 6-1 Ru Valentino, 14-1 News Review, Tangled String, 20-1 others.

3.50 PORTLANE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,898: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

401 3513 CACHE FLEUR 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-13 P Scudamore
402 3P52 GOLDEN FREEZE 37 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-9 M Pitman
403 F-F24 UNCLE ELI 41 (G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-3 Peter Hobbs
404 2111 BROUGHTON MANOR 38 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 8-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
405 11-40 COOLE DODGER 72 (BF,F,G,S) G Ham 8-10-6 R Dunwoody
406 1F43- AMONG FRIENDS 298 (G) G Balding 8-10-0 W McFarland

2-1 Broughton Manor, 5-2 Cache Fleur, 4-1 Golden Freeze, 6-1 Coole Dodger, 16-1 Uncle Eli, 14-1 Among Friends.

4.20 LITTLETON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,427: 2m 5f) (7)

501 2F52- VAZON BAY 374 (F) Mrs J Pitman 9-12-0 M Pitman
502 41P5 MARLIN DANCER 16 (CD,G,S) Miss B Sanders 5-11-6 R Dunwoody
503 31P-6 YELLOW SPRING 18 (D,F,G,S) D Grissell 8-10-12 Peter Hobbs
504 14-05 STAGE PLAYER 17 (C,D,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-11 T Eley (5)
505 35P6 MISTER MAJOR 14 (G) G Balding 5-10-7 J Frost
506 212-0 GREYFRIARS BOBBY 23 (G) Mrs J Retter 7-10-2 M A Fitzgerald
507 P331 SEA BUCK 7 (G,S) G Balding 7-10-0 R Davis (5)

5-2 Sea Buck, 3-1 Yellow Spring, 4-1 Greyfriars Bobby, 6-1 Mister Major, 7-1 Marlin Dancer, 12-1 Vazon Bay, 20-1 Stage Player.

4.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,162: 2m) (12)

601 164 POORS WOOD 30 (CD,BF,S) J Gifford 6-11-10 P Hide (5)
602 24-15 CYPRUS 128 (D,G) Miss J S Doyle 5-11-5 S Curran (7)
603 2-F41 PHILIP'S WOODY 24 (D) N Henderson 5-11-5 R Dunwoody
604 40 BOOTH'S BOUQUET 16 Miss B Sanders 5-11-0 J Kavanagh
605 0480 CHARLIE ATLAS 69 S Mellor 5-11-0 M Perrett
606 5363 FACTOR TEN 29 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
607 S01 JATINGA 62 (S) M Pipe 5-11-0 P Scudamore
608 6 JULIOS GENIUS 18 J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy
609 0 NEW YORK BOY 36 R Frost 5-11-0 J Frost
610 P ROCKET RUN 52 M Saunders 5-11-0 S Mackey
611 00-6 SILENT BRAVO 45 A Blackmore 6-11-0 Gee Armytage
612 MINERS REST P Hobbs 5-10-9 Peter Hobbs

2-1 Jatinga, 11-4 Poors Wood, 4-1 Philip's Woody, 8-1 Cyprus, Julios Genius, 12-1 Factor Ten, 20-1 New York Boy, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 14 winners from 55 runners, 25.5%; N Henderson, 17 from 75, 22.7%; G Harwood, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 10 from 53, 18.9%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 23, 17.4%; N Gaselee, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; R Dunwoody, 32 from 133, 24.1%; J R Kavanagh, 4 from 17, 23.5%; N Mann, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Scudamore, 15 from 75, 20.0%; E Murphy, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

☐ Apprentice Eugene Husband was banned for two days, March 6 to 7, after winning the Seine Handicap on Creche at Lingfield yesterday. The stewards found him guilty of improper riding.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

2.15 River Consort. 2.45 Love On The Rocks. 3.15 Zealous Kitten. 3.45 Tompet. 4.15 Copper Mine. 4.45 Happy Horse. 5.15 Tony's Delight.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.15 QUINTON NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,480: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 -136 JUST 74 (B,S) M Pipe 7-11-9 J Lower
2 2/501 LAND AFAR 13 (D,S) J Webber 6-11-9 A Webb
3 /PP ALNASRIC PETE 23 G Humphrey 7-11-2 A Tory
4 5 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 30 N Smith 5-11-2 P Leech
5 -120 GIVEITAGO 23 (S) A Turnell 7-11-2 S McNeill
6 0P-PP MR MULKEEN 32 G Jones 6-11-2 R Beggan
7 400 RIVER CONSORT 78 A Dunn 5-11-2 A Maguire
8 33/P0 SURCOAT 13 R Baker 6-11-2 L Harvey
9 006 THE OVERTRUMPER 18 G Roe 6-11-2 P McDermott
10 00-0 FOUNTAIN OF FIRE 174 L Codd 5-10-11 D Skyrme
11 PP ACT OF UNION 11 (B) D Bell 4-10-8 D Walsh (5)
12 WELL DONE RORY 522F J White 4-10-8 B Clifford (3)

7-4 Land Afar, 11-4 Just, 5-1 Giveitago, 6-1 Emperor Alexander, River Consort, 16-1 Surcoat, 20-1 Well Done Rory, 25-1 Fountain Of Fire, 33-1 others.

2.45 CRIMSCOTE CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,617: 2m 4f) (15)

1 25PP PACO'S BOY 18 (V,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-12 J Lower
2 -356 CASTLE DIAMOND 9 (F) H Kavanagh 6-11-4 W Marston (3)
3 -0PP EIGHTY EIGHT 9 Mrs R Dowson 8-11-4 V Slattery (5)
4 3218 MISTER FEATHERS 99 (D,F,G) J King 12-11-4 S Smith Eccles
5 55P4 CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 22 (F,G) C Trietline 7-10-12 D Bridgwater
6 1UU4 STARMINE 24 (D,S) J Parkes 7-10-12 N Smith
7 5P43 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 16 (F,S) T Bill 10-10-10 J Railton
8 5P06 PAT CULLEN 38 (B,S) Mrs P Joynes 8-10-8 Mr S Joynes (7)
9 65P1 TIM SOLDIER 14 (D,S) M Barraclough 6-10-8 Gary Lyons
10 0UP3 ENCHANTED MAN 35 (F,S) R Lee 9-10-6 A Maguire
11 P105 FOLK DANCE 9 (V,D,F,G,S) G Richards 11-10-6 B Harding (7)
12 P- PRINCE HAL 303 (B) R Juckes 10-10-6 M Hazell
13 46P4 ZUMMERSET 8 (F,G,S) A Barrow 11-10-6 S Burrough
14 83U0 PANDORA'S PRIZE 56 (S) Mrs P Joynes 7-10-5 T Wall
15 0046 LOVE ON THE ROCKS 11 (S) R Price 8-10-1 D Tegg

5-1 Paco's Boy, Tim Soldier, 6-1 Mister Feathers, Starmine, 8-1 Folk Dance, 10-1 Enchanted Man, Solicitor's Choice, 12-1 Zummerset, 14-1 others.

3.15 NEWBOLD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,355: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 00P5 EVER SMILE 7 (F) M Pipe 6-11-10 L Reynolds (7)
2 5312 ZEALOUS KITTEN 23 (D,BF,S) R Price 5-11-7 J Osborne
3 5584 IT'S VARADAN 7 (CD,S) T Etherington 9-11-4 S Smith Eccles
4 4441 BAND OF HOPE 14 (CD,F,G,S) W Clay 8-11-4 Diane Clay
5 U540 SAILOR BLUE 36 (B,CD,F) A Turnell 6-11-2 L Harvey
6 14-P ALL PRESENT 15 (D,S) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 A S Smith
7 51/ COMEDY RIVER 742F (D) J Spearing 6-10-9 A Maguire
8 -002 ASARGAR 80 (CD,F) J Smith 7-10-5 R Beggan
9 0045 WILL JAMES 94 (B,D,F,G) C Drewe 7-10-3 J Railton
10 255- NEARCTIC BAY 386 (D,S) T Bill 7-10-2 C Hawkins
11 FPP0 LUCKY HELMET 13 (S) W McKenzie-Coles 9-10-2 W Irvine
12 40P6 TAP DANCING 72 (D,G) J Allen 7-10-0 Mr N Bradley (7)

7-4 Zealous Kitten, 4-1 Sailor Blue, 5-1 Band Of Hope, 6-1 Ever Smile, 7-1 Asargar, 10-1 All Present, 14-1 It's Varadan, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 12 winners from 31 runners, 38.7%; D Barons, 6 from 21, 28.6%; A Turnell, 5 from 18, 27.8%; D Sherwood, 4 from 16, 25.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 6 from 27, 22.2%; M Pipe, 17 from 80, 21.3%.

JOCKEYS: A Tory, 6 winners from 20 rides, 30.0%; C Llewellyn, 15 from 61, 24.6%; L Wyer, 3 from 13, 23.1%; A Maguire, 4 from 18, 22.2%; B Clifford, 3 from 14, 21.4%; A S Smith, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

3.45 ALDERMINSTER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,737: 3m) (16)

1 F063 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 7 (B,F,G) J Glover 7-12-0 Mr T McCarthy (7)
2 2-4P SALLY'S GEM 20 (G) J White 8-11-10 B Clifford (3)
3 360U TOMPET 8 (B,CD,G) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-5 C Llewellyn
4 F1FF FLASHTHECASH 14 (BF,F,S) G Balding 7-11-5 A Maguire
5 -350 COUNTERBID 114 (F,G) J Edwards 6-11-4 N Williamson
6 33PU CONCERT PAPER 9 (G,S) R O'Leary 9-11-4 L Wyer
7 5/2PF COWDEN COTTAGE 17 (G) D Chesney 9-11-2 S McNeill
8 1/PP3 THE ANTIPODEAN 74 (G) D Barons 9-11-1 N Hawke
9 -14P FENTON BRIDGE 56 (D,S) A Turnell 9-11-1 I Lawrence
10 R3FP4 RAMLOSA 10 D Barons 9-11-1 Mr N Harris
11 1340 OLD BRIG 58 (G) M Pipe 7-10-13 J Lower
12 06/U3 SANDYBRAES 20 (G) D Nicholson 8-10-12 R Bellamy
13 4223 GOLDEN FARE 27 R Lee 8-10-10 D Tegg
14 P565 SERGEANT SILVER 35 R Eckley 8-10-7 D Gallagher
15 F562 NATIVE SCOT 18 K Burke 7-10-7 M Hourigan (3)
16 0/6P FOUR FROM THE EDGE 106 P Pritchard 10-10-7 P Pritchard

5-1 Golden Fare, Sandybraes, 6-1 Old Brig, 8-1 Flashthecash, Native Scot, 10-1 Concert Paper, Counterbid, 12-1 Fenton Bridge, Ramlosa, Tompet, 16-1 others.

4.15 ADMINGTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,775: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 3234 COPPER MINE 28 (F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-10 J Osborne
2 U1FU DR ROCKET 3 (F,G,S) R Dickin 8-11-9 D Meredith (3)
3 41FP TINAS LAD 31 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-8 N Williamson
4 213/5 TOAD ALONG 9 (F) J Webber 8-11-6 C Llewellyn
5 4-P4 ROMAN DART 18 (G,S) M Scudamore 9-10-12 S McNeill
6 26P6 AIR COMMANDER 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 8-10-11 T Wall
7 2FU0 COBO BAY 56 (F) K White 8-10-10 A Maguire
8 4233 WILL'S BOUNTY 9 (F) J Colston 10-10-2 M Hourigan (3)

2-1 Copper Mine, 7-2 Dr Rocket, 5-1 Will's Bounty, 6-1 Roman Dart, 8-1 Tinas Lad, 12-1 Air Commander, Cobo Bay, 14-1 Toad Along.

4.45 WIMPSTONE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 6f 110yd) (16)

1 6P11 RAGTIME COWBOY JOE 16 (D) J Allen 8-11-10 Mr N Bradley (7)
2 6F31 CLASSICS PEARL 14 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-9 D Bridgwater
3 -P30 HICKORY WIND 112 J Allen 6-11-6 Gary Lyons
4 0354 APSIMORE 9 J Tuck 6-11-6 D Meade (7)
5 U054 CALLAS ELECTRIC 15 D Nicholson 6-11-4 R Bellamy
6 6330 HAPPY HORSE 50 D Barons 6-10-10 N Hawke
7 P283 ALLO GEORGE 8 Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-9 J Railton
8 -404 WREKIN COLLEGE 13 D Gandolfo 5-10-7 A Maguire
9 4-00 CRYSTAL MINSTREL 13 J Edwards 7-10-6 N Williamson
10 0045 WICKFIELD LAD 17 D Deacon 10-10-5 W Marston (3)
11 0636 POLLY'S LASS 36 J Bosley 9-10-3 M Bosley
12 P-80 MEKSHARP 30 J Smith 6-10-0 I Lawrence
13 P0P0 KAHAROA 50 (B) D Barons 7-10-0 D Tegg
14 0000 PASSAGE HOME 11 (V) D Bell 6-10-0 Mr M Harris (7)
15 PPPP PEWTER PETA 11 (B) G Roe 9-10-0 P McDermott
16 P/P ATHOS 150 G Roe 8-10-0 R Darke (7)

4-1 Wrekin College, 5-1 Ragtime Cowboy Joe, 6-1 Callas Electric, Crystal Minstrel, 8-1 Allo George, Classics Pearl, 10-1 Happy Horse, 12-1 others.

5.15 QUINTON NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,480: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 5303 BOLD STREET BLUES 8 J Allen 6-11-2 Mr N Bradley (7)
2 P0 IN COUNCIL 11 D Carey 6-11-2 Mr G Lewis (7)
3 02 LIME STREET 14 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-2 C Llewellyn
4 0-00 ON THE JAR 37 C Trietline 5-11-2 D Bridgwater
5 00-0 SCRIVEN BOY 43 J Edwards 6-11-2 D Tegg
6 0 TONY'S DELIGHT 13 G Balding 5-11-2 A Maguire
7 61 CULTURED 23 (D,S) J White 4-11-1 N Williamson
8 01 NOCATCHIM 15 (B,D,G) S Sherwood 4-11-1 J Osborne
9 0-50 ATTYRE 43 J Dalton 6-10-11 Mr T Jenks (7)
10 0-0P DYD 34 F Jordan 5-10-11 J Lodder
11 400 MASTER REACH 13 Miss K Allison 4-10-8 M Hourigan (3)

2-1 Cultured, Nocatchim, 11-4 Tony's Delight, 8-1 Lime Street, 14-1 Bold Street Blues, 20-1 Master Reach, Scriven Boy, 33-1 others.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Beyond Reason. 2.30 Rodeo Star. 3.00 General Pershing. 3.30 JAMES THE FIRST (nap). 4.00 Many A Slip. 4.30 Albertito.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Radical Views.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.00 WALTER W LANGENBERGER NOVICES CHASE
(£3,687: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 0-113P5 PHILS PRIDE 20 (G,S) (A Bayman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-8 M Dwyer 89
2 401PP3 PIPER O'DRUMMOND 21 (S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-8 A Merrigan 76
3 00/P1P6 BEYOND REASON 17 (S) (Miss J Reed) G Richards 7-11-5 N Doughty —
4 541023 THE LAUGHING LORD 20 (BF,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-11-5 Mr A Thornton (5) 64
5 6P/PU TURN'EM BACK JACK 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Cosgrove) A Bailey 10-11-5 J McLaughlin —

BETTING: 4-6 Phils Pride, 4-1 The Laughing Lord, 11-2 Beyond Reason, 8-1 others.
1992: RUN FOR FREE 8-11-12 P Scudamore (4-5 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PHIL'S PRIDE 12¾l 5th of 11 to Young Hustler in grade I Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good) novice chase. PIPER O'DRUMMOND 8½l 3rd of 7 to Roy's Dream in Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) novice handicap chase. THE LAUGHING LORD 2l 3rd of 9 to Inconclusive in Wetherby (2m 5f, good to soft) novice chase.
Selection: PHIL'S PRIDE

2.30 COUNTRYSIDE SELECT HURDLE BBC2
(£3,460: 2m) (4 runners)

1 0F-142F ONE FOR THE POT 13 (D,BF,G,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 8-11-4 A Orkney 88
2 1125-56 RODEO STAR 13 (CD,F,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-11-4 G McCourt 90
3 423-430 RULING 13 (B,CD,G,S) (I MacDonald and J Short) R Johnson Houghton 7-11-4 P Niven 89
4 3 PETRULLO 31 (Mrs R Casey) R Casey 8-11-0 H Davies 50

BETTING: 4-7 Rodeo Star, 3-1 Ruling, 5-1 One For The Pot, 33-1 Petrullo
1992: BANK VIEW 7-11-4 M Dutty (5-2) N Tinkler 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONE FOR THE POT 8l 2nd of 7 to Antonin in Edinburgh (2m, good) novice chase. RODEO STAR 13l 6th of 16 to King Credo in grade III Newbury (2m 110yd, good) handicap hurdle with RULING (24lb better off) 20l 16th. RULING 25¾l 4th of 5 to Jinxy Jack in grade II hurdle over course and distance (heavy) with RODEO STAR 15l 5th.
Selection: RULING

3.00 LONDON SCOTTISH BANK HANDICAP CHASE BBC2
(£5,247: 3m) (5 runners)

1 33F5P-F KILLBANON 6 (D,F,G,S) (W Ebury) C Trietline 11-12-0 S Earle 87
2 PP1211 GENERAL PERSHING 14 (F,G,S) (J Poder) G Richards 7-11-7 N Doughty 97
3 434P64 STAY ON TRACKS 13 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 11-10-9 K Johnson 98
4 U026P4 SOONER STILL 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (P M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 9-10-8 Judy Davies (7) 99
5 2/13524- JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 312 (D,F) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 8-10-0 C Grant 88

Long handicap: Johnny's Slipper 9-1.
BETTING: 4-6 General Pershing, 4-1 Killbanon, 6-1 Stay On Tracks, 10-1 Johnny's Slipper, Sooner Still.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GENERAL PERSHING beat Southern Minstrel 1½l in 3-runner Ayr (3m 4f, good) handicap chase. STAY ON TRACKS 14l 4th of 5 to Kilbation Castle in Ayr (3m 1f, good) handicap chase. SOONER STILL 35¾l 4th of 6 to Travelling Wrong in Newbury (3m, good to soft) handicap chase. JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 8l 2nd of 15 to Bavard Bay in Kelso (3m 6f, soft) novice chase on penultimate start in April.
Selection: GENERAL PERSHING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	34	109	31.2	N Doughty	29	83	34.9
Jimmy Fitzgerald	11	55	20.0	G McCourt	20	98	20.4
D McCain	11	75	14.7	P Niven	6	33	18.2
				M Dwyer	18	108	16.7
				A Merrigan	3	20	15.0
Only qualifiers				Only qualifiers			

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 LADBROKE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,540: 2m) (7 runners) BBC2

1 0-11261 JAMES THE FIRST 18 (D,F,S) (D Nichols) P Nicholls 5-12-0 D Salter (7) 89
2 2-16P0 RUSSELL DALUS 7 (B,CD,BF,G) (Watership Down Racing) S Sherwood 8-11-9 B Upton 92
3 52104 SPANISH FAIR 17 (D,BF,F) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 5-11-3 Mr A Thornton (5) 90
4 2-P3423 BLACK JOKER 16 (Mrs M Wilson) A J Wilson 7-11-1 H Davies 90
5 210-12 SUNSET ROCK 13 (D,BF,S) (G Shaular) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-0 M Dwyer 95
6 40-61P4 HIGHLAND POACHER 14 (CD,S) (J Gray) D McCain 6-10-13 C Grant 89
7 032341 RAINHAM 18 (D,S) (A Collins) D McCain 6-10-13 G McCourt 89

BETTING: 5-2 James The First, 7-2 Sunset Rock, 9-2 Russell Dalus, 11-2 Spanish Fair, 8-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JAMES THE FIRST beat First Division 6l in 12-runner Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle. RUSSELL DALUS beat Beauchamp Express 3½l in 11-runner Haydock (2m, soft) novice hurdle on reappearance. SPANISH FAIR 1¾l 4th of 15 to Caithness Prince in Carlisle (2m 1f, good) novice hurdle. BLACK JOKER 7l 3rd of 18 to Capochon in Ludlow (2m, good) novice hurdle. SUNSET ROCK 6l 2nd of 10 to Land Afar in Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) novice handicap hurdle. RAINHAM beat Percy Smollett 12l in 9-runner Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle.
Selection: JAMES THE FIRST (nap)

4.00 SILVER LINING WORKSHOPS HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,532: 3m) (13 runners)

1 3312-22 CURAHEEN BOY 14 (D,F,G) (C Trietline) C Trietline 13-12-7 Miss J Butler (7) 82
2 2/121-U1 DUNCAN 14 (F,G,S) (G Duncan) Miss C Saunders 8-12-7 A Sansome (7) 98
3 1P4-533 LOCAL CUSTOMER 153 (BF,F) (P Bradley) P Bradley 8-12-7 B Leavy (7) 86
4 P2112-2 MAGIC SOLDIER 13 (F,G,S) (R Bartlett) R Bartlett 8-12-7 P Griffin 77
5 1P111-2 MOUNT ARGUS 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) S Brookshaw 11-12-7 S Brookshaw (5) 94
6 /5/0/ NINETEEN SHILLINGS 841 (D,S) (K Thomas) K Thomas 14-12-7 D Wilcox (7) —
7 28413-6 POLYGONUM 15 (D,BF,G,S) (W Burnell) W Burnell 11-12-7 W Burnell (7) 90
8 4/U41-1 RADICAL VIEWS 17 (S) (Mrs A Murray) Mrs A Murray 8-12-7 E Bailey (7) 98
9 UP4/22-1 SWINHOE CROFT 14 (D,S) (F Lloyd) F Lloyd 11-12-7 C Stockton (7) 97
10 12/2-F JIMMY RIVER 21 (S) (G Winstanley) K Anderson 10-12-4 G Robinson (7) 83
11 134- MANY A SLIP 311 (D,F) (J Cooper) T Walford 8-12-4 N Wilson (7) 99
12 BRAZEN GOLD (Sir John Barlow) Sir John Barlow 7-12-0 D Barlow (7) —
13 P0P- GRINDLEY BROOK 385 (D McCain) D McCain 8-12-0 D McCain (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 Radical Views, 7-2 Duncan, 9-2 Mount Argus, 5-1 Many A Slip, 8-1 Swinhoe Croft, 10-1 others.
1992: MOUNT ARGUS 10-12-0 S Brookshaw (15-8 fav) S Brookshaw 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CURAHEEN BOY short head 2nd of 8 to Sweatshirt in Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) hunter chase with DUNCAN unseated rider 5th. DUNCAN beat CURAHEEN BOY (same terms) distance in 9-runner Newbury (2m 4f, good to soft) hunter chase. MOUNT ARGUS short head 2nd of 9 to Crafty Copper in Uttoxeter (2m 7f, good to soft) hunter chase. RADICAL VIEWS beat Bee Garden 25l in 9-runner Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft) hunter chase. SWINHOE CROFT beat Once Stung 7l in 9-runner Bangor (3m 110yd, soft) hunter chase.
Selection: DUNCAN

4.30 JOCK SCOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,807: 2m) (6 runners)

1 P-32112 NIJMEGEN 34 (D,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10 M Dwyer 95
2 525124 KANNDABIL 13 (B,D,G,S) (N McAndrews) N Tinkler 6-11-8 G McCourt 92
3 5B/311-1 ALBERTITO 11F (CD,G,S) (T Connop) R Hollinshead 6-11-6 S Wynne (5) 90
4 223312 WILLIE SPARKLE 14 (D,F,S) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-5 P Williams (7) 89
5 10/0000 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 15 (B,CD,G,S) (Mrs C Massey) J McConnochie 6-10-0 C Grant —
6 S60-00P JUST PULHAM 71 (D,S) (J Golding) S Payne 8-10-0 J Supple (7) —

Long handicap: Champagne Gold 9-4, Just Pulham 8-10.
BETTING: 2-1 Albertito, 9-4 Nijmegen, 11-4 Willie Sparkle, 11-2 Kanndabil, 20-1 others.
1992: ALBERTITO 5-9-7 S Wynne 16-1 (R Hollinshead) 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIJMEGEN 12l 2nd of 10 to Tomahawk in Kempton (2m, soft) handicap hurdle. KANNDABIL 16l last of 5 to Able Player in a Wetherby (2m, good) handicap hurdle in October. ALBERTITO beat Flakey Dove ¾l in 6-runner Stratford (2m, good to soft) handicap hurdle. WILLIE SPARKLE 1½l 2nd of 11 to Gallateen in Ayr (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle.
Selection: WILLIE SPARKLE

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK
BBC2

2.30: Ruling, third in the last two Champion Hurdles, has the ability to win this but possibly not the resolution. He has not won a race for over two years, and has been well beaten on all three starts this season. Rodeo Star finished 20 lengths in front of Ruling at Newbury a fortnight ago, and in spite of a 26lb swing in the weights, can make all the running.

3.00: Sooner Still's tendency to make the odd mistake will be a major hindrance over these stiff fences. **General Pershing** had only to be pushed out with hands and heels for a comfortable success at Ayr earlier this month, and is hard to oppose off a 2lb higher mark.

3.30: James The First won in good style at Wolverhampton recently, and is sure to run well again here. However, he may struggle to concede a stone to **Sunset Rock**. The latter had been off the track for three months when runner-up at Uttoxeter recently, is open to plenty of improvement and can continue his stable's good run.

ROBERT WRIGHT

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.10 Hershebar. 2.40 Neventer. 3.10 King Parrot. 3.40 Pretty Chic. 4.10 Lord Naskra. 4.40 Steppey Lane.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 WELLOW CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,301: 5f) (10 runners)

1 2421 HERSHEBAR 4 (B,C) S Bowring 8-10 O Pears (5) 5
2 -665 APOLLO DE ORIENTE 18 J Wainwright 8-7 G Parkin (7) 3
3 5635 EXPRESS MARIECURIE 18 (B,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-6 Alex Greaves 8
4 00-0 CRACKER JACK 18 (B) T Fairhurst 8-5 J Fanning 9
5 600- CELTIC CHERRY 132 J Balding 8-0 Claire Balding (7) 2
6 4-3 FOREST FLYER 6 M Brittain 8-0 G Bardwell 10
7 0- OVER THE CLIFFS 204 J Bennett 8-0 Kim McDonnell (7) 7
8 0-36 BURBLE 11 D Chapman 7-12 S Wood 4
9 00-6 VILAMAR 18 E Alston 7-12 J Quinn 6
10 -550 PALACEGATE GIRL 18 J Berry 7-10 A Daly (7) 1

7-4 Hershebar, 3-1 Express Mariecurie, 6-1 Burble, 8-1 Forest Flyer, Vilamar, 10-1 Palacegate Girl, 16-1 others.

2.40 CLAYPOLE MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,070: 1m) (9)

1 ACIDOSIS D Chapman 4-9-10 S Wood 2
2 0/000 MOUNTAIN GLOW 7J B Richmond 6-9-10 K Rutter (5) 9
3 084 NEVENTER 4 M Chapman 4-9-10 V Smith 7
4 4/0 SUNKALA SHINE 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-10 L Charnock 5
5 3004 GIRTON DEGREE 7 B McMahon 4-9-5 S Sanders (7) 4
6 0/0- NIP 251 A Reid 5-9-5 P McCabe (7) 1
7 2 GREEN'S FAIR 7 M Bell 3-8-5 M Hills 3
8 HIGH CHAIR P Haslam 3-8-0 Dale Gibson 8
9 55- SOMMIERE 143 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-0 Stephen Davies (5) 6

11-10 Sommiere, 7-2 Green's Fair, 11-2 Neventer, 8-1 Sunkala Shine, 10-1 High Chair, Girton Degree, 16-1 others.

3.10 THURGATON HANDICAP (£3,067: 1m) (5)

1 1101 NO SUBMISSION 15 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-10-0 S Wood 4
2 213- DEBSY DO 78 (C,G) S Norton 4-8-10 O Pears (5) 1
3 14/00/ MOSCOW DYNAMO 11J (F) Mrs A Knight 6-8-6 F Norton (3) 3
4 5123 MENTALASANYTHIN 13 (CD,S) A Bailey 4-8-0 A Mackay 5
5 2-41 KING PARROT 22 (D) Lord Huntingdon 5-7-13 J Wilkinson (7) 2

7-4 King Parrot, 9-4 Mentalasanythin, 3-1 No Submission, 6-1 Debsy Do, 12-1 Moscow Dynamo.

3.40 BEESTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,070: 7f) (11)

1 0/ ALNEZ 602 R Armstrong 5-9-0 R Price 3
2 0-40 BLACK BOY 18 R Marvin 4-9-0 F Norton (3) 4
3 0-43 BLYTON STAR 14 S Bowring 5-9-0 S Webster 11
4 53-2 MAROWINS 14 E Alston 4-9-0 J Quinn 6
5 6 PRETTY CHIC 4 D Chapman 4-8-9 D Nicholls 10
6 83-4 SPEED OIL 14 R Bastiman 4-9-0 H Bastiman (7) 5
7 05- BETTER STILL 88 P Haslam 4-8-9 Dale Gibson 2
8 0- FATHOM FIVE 8J M Williams 4-8-9 J Williams 9
9 00-3 LADY ROXANNE 4 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-9 J Wilkinson (7) 1
10 050/0 PRECIOUS CAROLINE 43 P Cundell 5-8-9 W Woods 8
11 00 THE OLD MITRE 28 B McMahon 5-8-9 S Sanders (7) 7

2-1 Lady Roxanne, 4-1 Pretty Chic, 5-1 Marowins, 6-1 Black Boy, 8-1 Speed Oil, 10-1 Blyton Star, 12-1 Alnez, 16-1 others.

4.10 RAVENSHEAD HANDICAP (£3,171: 6f) (9)

1 1-50 AFRICAN CHIMES 14 (CD,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 S D Williams (3) 8
2 1244 APPLEDORN 14 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 6-9-13 S Sanders (7) 6
3 440- CELESTIAL KEY 111 (F) S Norton 3-9-3 O Pears (5) 1
4 -115 PRIME MOVER 13 (V,CD) D Burchell 5-9-2 L Charnock 3
5 0022 LORD NASKRA 4 (CD) W O'Gorman 4-8-4 Emma O'Gorman (3) 9
6 10-3 THE CUCKOO'S NEST 18 (S) M Williams 5-7-12 N Adams 4
7 0-50 BRISAS 18 (B,CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-7-8 J Fanning 2
8 -205 KALAR 4 (C) D Chapman 4-7-7 S Wood 5
9 2542 CHOICE LOT 7 (V,F) T Caldwell 6-7-7 D Wright (7) 7

9-4 Prime Mover, 3-1 Lord Naskra, 5-1 Appledorn, 6-1 Choice Lot, 8-1 Celestial Key, 10-1 The Cuckoo's Nest, 12-1 Kalar, African Chimes, 16-1 Brisas.

4.40 SKEDBY HANDICAP (£3,054: 1m 6f) (11)

1 6111 COLERIDGE 11 (B,C,F,G) D Shaw 5-10-2 (7ex) K Rutter (5) 8
2 40-4 STEPPEY LANE 25 (CD,F,G,S) W Haigh 8-9-10 Dean McKeown 4
3 -111 HORIZON 14 (B,CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-9-7 D Biggs 7
4 641/6- MOUNTAIN RETREAT 121J (D,F) M Williams 7-9-2 J Williams 10
5 3521 SUGEMAR 7 (C,F) M Chapman 7-9-1 S D Williams (3) 5
6 522 AMOUR ROYAL 14 (S) Denys Smith 6-8-13 D Nicholls 6
7 65-0 SANDMOOR DENIM 25 (C,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-9 S Webster 1
8 D5-4 WITCHES COVEN 7 (CD) Mrs A Knight 4-8-4 F Norton (3) 9
9 00-3 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7 (V,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-3 G Bardwell 2
10 1432 WELL AND TRULY 14 (C) B McMahon 6-7-11 J Quinn 3
11 0-46 ROYAL VERSE 28 (F) R Curtis 6-7-7 Dale Gibson 11

5-2 Horizon, 3-1 Coleridge, 4-1 Sugemar, 11-2 Well And Truly, 10-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, Steppey Lane, 14-1 Amour Royal, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 10 winners from 43 runners, 23.3%; W O'Gorman, 36 from 170, 21.2%; T Thomson Jones, 6 from 30, 20.0%; M Bell, 10 from 58, 17.2%; J Berry, 26 from 160, 16.3%; S Norton, 13 from 84, 15.5%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 59 winners from 240 rides, 24.6%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 172, 17.4%; O Pears, 6 from 39, 15.4%; K Rutter, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Biggs, 20 from 146, 13.7%; M Hills, 16 from 118, 13.6%.

Newnes back in winner's enclosure

BILLY Newnes celebrated his first winner since returning last week from a six-month lay-off when Nedaarah landed the Alpine Double Glazing Maiden Stakes at Lingfield yesterday.

The freelance rider had been out of action since August when a filly he was riding at Hoppegarten in Germany threw her head back and hit him in the face, detaching the retina in his left eye.

But the Charles Elsey-trained Nedaarah, who was Newnes's first ride back from injury when fifth on this track last week, was in top form yesterday, beating Spanish Refuge by two-and-a-half lengths.

"After the accident I went on to ride two winners on the German card and only found out about the real damage later," Newnes said.

The Wantage-based jockey will be riding regularly for Charlie Elsey, Henry Candy, Matt McCormack and Mikey Heaton-Ellis among others this season.

Balloo House gives Sly profitable trip

BALLOO House justified his 330 miles round trip from Cambridgeshire when springing a 14-1 surprise in the Middleham Novices' Hurdle at Catterick yesterday.

Trained near Peterborough by Pam Sly, the eight-year-old led over the first five jumps before being headed by the well-backed favourite Wakashan.

But Balloo House remained in close touch and, after Wakashan had thrown away his chance by diving through the second last flight, Balloo House stormed past Bishop's Tipple on the run-in to score by two and a half lengths.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 4.40 Eire Leath-Sceal.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, IMPERIAL FLIGHT (J Kavanagh, 20-1); 2, Athar (A Webb, 12-1); 3, Certain Style (T Grantham, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Woodurather (f), 5 Abu Muslab (4th), 9 Colway Prince, Wild And Loose (5th), 16 Caribbean Prince (6th), 25 Sandro, Forest Fawn, Pre Paint (pu), 40 Alert The Boys, 50 Hinton Mariner, One For Irene, Hightown Fontana, 66 Manner's Bow (ur), 100 Spirit Level, Western Divide. 18 ran. 1½l, 6l, 3½l, 8l, 2½l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £23.00; £3.90, £2.50, £6.10. DF: £144.90. CSF: £231.40.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, WESTERN LEGEND (T Jenks, 100-30 fav); 2, Under Offer (C Hancock, 7-1); 3, Camden Belle (C Burnett-Wells, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pithy (4th), 9-2 Dianes Destiny (ur), 6 Bronze Finel (5th), 13-2 Our Nobby (6th), 40 Kamsel (ur), 68 The Fruit (pu). 9 ran. NR: Gold Haven. 5l, 1l, 8l, 10l, 12l. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £13.90. CSF: £24.46. Tricast: £244.01.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, VALFINET (P Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, Kribensis (R Dunwoody, 16-1); 3, Muse (P Holley, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 12 Gran Alba (4th), Sanndila (6th), 150 Exact Analysis (5th). 6 ran. 5l, 15l, 15l, 20l, 20l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £3.70. DF: £12.50. CSF: £12.09.

3.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, CAVVIES CLOWN (G Bradley, 6-1); 2, Garrison Savannah (M Pitman, 7-4); 3, Cool Ground (A Maguire, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Ghofar (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 2½l, dist. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.90. DF: £6.10. CSF: £15.20.

4.00 (2m ch) 1, VIKING FLAGSHIP (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 2, The Sister (D Tegg, 9-2); 3, Billy Bathgate (J Osborne, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rocket Launcher (4th), 14 La Kibreet, 9 Mr Jamboree (6th), 14 La Cienaga (5th), 50 Only In Ireland (pu), 100 Just A Trifle (pu). 9 ran. 8l, 5l, 1l, 25l, 12l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.76.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, ZAMIRAH (P Scudamore, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Formal Invitation (R Dunwoody, 13-2); 3, Night Clubbing (D Bridgwater, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Quadrireme (5th), 8 Super Serena (4th), 10 Moon Spin, Maestroso, 11 Donia, 12 Fortune Star (pu), 14 Misty View, 16 Euridice (6th), 33 Ima Red Neck (pu), Roman Romany, 50 Mr Ziegfeld, China-man, 100 Cheren Boy (pu). 16 ran. NR: Broughton's Tango, Ivor's Flutter, Vanuatu. 4l, 10l, 7l, 8l, 2½l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £9.50. CSF: £32.15.

Placepot: £1,480.10.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good (good to firm back straight)

1.40 (3m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Balloo House (L Wyer, 14-1); 2, Bishop's Tipple (10-1); 3, Wakashan (11-8 fav). 11 ran. 2½l, 20l. Mrs P Sly. Tote: £14.70; £2.30, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £36.40. CSF: £135.08.

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Srivijaya (P Niven, 8-13 fav); 2, Keep Sharp (20-1); 3, Bengairn (20-1). 5 ran. 8l, 20l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.97.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Highbrook (R Campbell, 8-11 fav); 2, High Mind (20-1); 3, Owt On (100-1). 16 ran. NR: Bold Mood. 8l, 20l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £3.30, £7.00. DF: £9.60. CSF: £16.04.

3.10 (3m 1f 110yd) 1, Carousel Calypso (P Niven, 4-1); 2, Choctaw (7-4 fav); 3, Absailor (3-1). 6 ran. 8l, 8l. M Hammond. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.36.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Polder (R Davis, 4-1); 2, Dru Ri's Bru Ri (16-1); 3, Illogical (5-1). Sum Mede 7-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Anfield Sally. ½l, hd. D Williams. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £3.40, £2.40. DF: £32.80. CSF: £60.84. Tricast: £304.08.

4.10 (2m ch) 1, Kind'a Smart (A S Smith, 11-2); 2, Old Eros (11-8 fav); 3, Silver Haze (14-1). 7 ran. NR: Tresidder, Sonsie Mo. 3l, 25l. K Morgan. Tote: £8.30; £3.00, £1.70. DF: £11.90. CSF: £12.89. Tricast: £88.21.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, Northern Rarity (W Fry, 9-4); 2, Doctor Dunklin (8-1); 3, Know-No-No (6-5 fav). 10 ran. Hd, 6l. J Norton. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £7.60. CSF: £19.57.

Placepot: £26.20.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (7f) 1, Stardust Express (Dean McKeown, 11-8 fav); 2, Persian Gusher (6-4); 3, Greenwich Chalenge (4-1). 4 ran. ½l, 10l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.67.

2.20 (1m 2f) 1, Nedaarah (W Newnes, 16-1); 2, Spanish Refuge (3-1); 3, Helham Tam (13-2). Umhambi 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 2l. C C Elsey. Tote: £15.40; £1.90, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £22.80. CSF: £84.48.

2.50 (1m 5f) 1, Strat's Legacy (Mrs D Arbuthnot, 8-1); 2, Debacle (10-1); 3, Serious Action (4-5 fav); 4, Beam Me Up Scotty (14-1). 16 ran. 2l, 3½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £7.10; £1.50, £2.80, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £13.80. CSF: £66.74. Tricast: £92.00.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Coltrane (Dean McKeown, 5-2 fav); 2, Tadora (12-1); 3, Camden's Ransom (13-2). 11 ran. NR: Miss Doody. ½l, 1l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.80, £2.00. DF: £19.80. CSF: £31.25. Tricast: £166.62.

3.50 (5f) 1, Creche (E Husband, 20-1); 2, Ewald (5-1); 3, Lucayan Treasure (6-4 fav). 8 ran. Hd, nk. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £21.20; £2.60, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £36.80. CSF: £105.57. Tricast: £219.38.

4.20 (1m 2f) 1, Brackenthwaite (Alex Greaves, 13-8 fav); 2, Arctic Guest (2-1); 3, Kryptos (7-2). 6 ran. 3½l, 1½l. T Barron. Tote: £2.40; £2.10, £1.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £5.46.

Placepot: £17.50.

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Wales replace Proctor with Walker as sole change for five nations' clash with Irish

Elwood fifth Ireland stand-off in year

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND came up yesterday with their fifth stand-off half in 12 months when they named Eric Elwood in the team to play Wales at Cardiff Arms Park on March 6. Elwood, from Lansdowne, replaces Niall Malone as the only change from the side beaten 21-6 by France in last weekend's round of the five nations' championship.

Since Wales have made only one change, too, introducing Nigel Walker to international rugby, the casual observer might be forgiven for thinking the selectors of both countries were tinkering with successful sides.The Welsh, however, are not to be swayed by the 20-0 defeat against Scotland and the Irish lack credible alternatives.

However, they have swapped their existing wings around, almost as though they knew that Wales proposed to introduce the flying Walker on the left and felt Richard Wallace might be the man to stop him. More prosaically Wallace does not feel at home on the left wing and sought the change to the right where he played last season.

THE organisers of the 1995 Rugby World Cup may be forced to redraw their programme, after it was pointed out that the draw made last month will not permit some of the world's leading countries to meet in the final (David Hands writes). Australia, the 1991 champions, who have lobbied for the change, could not, for example, meet either South Africa (the hosts) or France in the final.

A similar mistake was made before the inaugural tournament in 1987 and Norbert Byrne, one of Australia's International Rugby Football Board representatives, said: "It's too silly for words. Two countries may emerge by 1995 as clearly the best in the world but we could find them in the same half of the draw."

New Zealand have agreed to play Scotland, England and the Barbarians on successive weekends on their autumn tour to Britain.

ITINERARY: October 23 v London (Twickenham); 26 v Midlands (Leicester), 30 v South West (Redruth); November 2 v North (venue to be arranged); 7 v England A (Gateshead); 10 v South of Scotland (Gala); 13 v Scotland A (Hawick); 16 v Scotland Development XV (Myreside, Edinburgh); 20 v Scotland; 23 v England Emerging Players (Gloucester, night); 27 v England; 30 v Combined Services (Devonport, night); December 4 v Barbarians (Cardiff).

The Welsh selectors spent over seven hours deliberating change but, having studied the available options, decided against it. "The win over England didn't turn us into a complete side overnight and neither did the defeat in Scotland undo all the good work that this group of players had previously achieved," Robert Norster, the team manager, said. "We need to be more realistic about our current state of development."

The introduction of Walker, joint leading try-scorer (with Ieuan Evans) in the Heineken League this season, implies a conscious effort to use the wings, whereas at Murrayfield last Saturday Wales never looked likely to get either enough ball, or move it wide if they did. But the defects of that day have been put down to the quality of the opposition and an attitude of expectation inflated by the success over England.

"One of the things the players highlighted after the Scottish game was that they struggled to rekindle the spirit shown against England," Norster said. "I hope we have learned that lesson." The manager will stress to his players that, whatever, their recent shortcomings, Ireland have not lost in Cardiff since 1983.

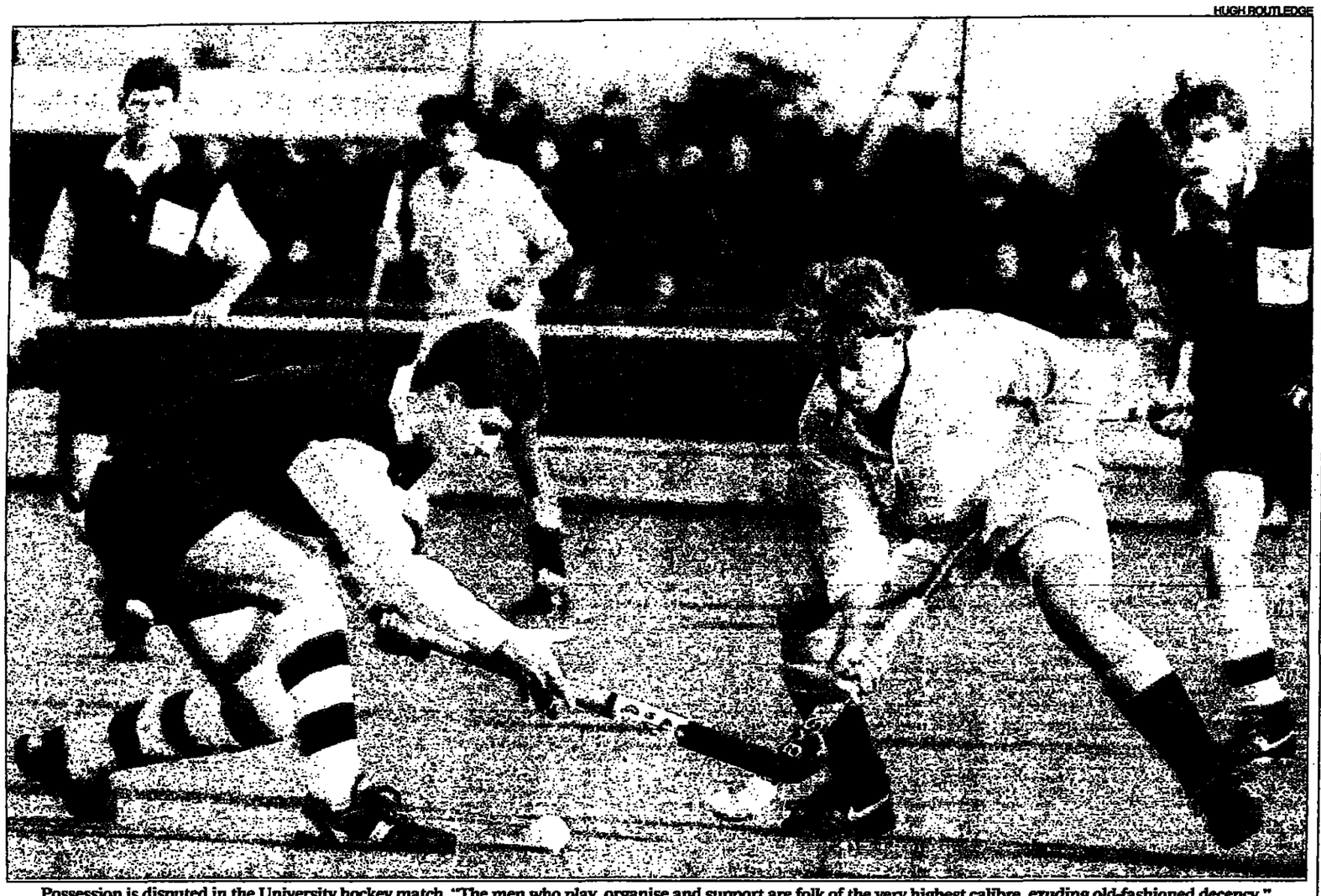
Walker's inclusion means the demotion of Wayne Proctor to the A side to play Ireland at Newport on March 5. Proctor has won three caps and Alan Davies, the Wales coach, emphasised that, at 20, he has a long representative future. Proctor will be joined at Newport by Alan Reynolds and Paul Kawulok, thus Mark Perego and Paul Arnold will be on the bench for the senior international.

WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), I S Gibbs (Swansea), N Walker (Cardiff); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea), R L Evans (Llanelli), N Meek (Pontypool), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), E W Lewis (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), A H Copsey (Llanelli), R E Webster (Swansea), S Davies (Swansea). Replacements: R H St J B Moon (Llanelli), A Clement (Swansea), A Lamerton (Llanelli), J D Davies (Neath), M A Perego (Llanelli), P Arnold (Swansea).

IRELAND: C P Clarke (Terenure College); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P Clohessy (Young Munster), P T J O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon), N P J Francis (Blackrock Coll), W D McBride (Malone), M J Galtesy (Shannon). Replacements: B T Glennon (Lansdowne), N G Malone (London Irish), R Saunders (London Irish), S McKinty (Bangor), P D McCarthy (Cork Const), J Murphy (Greystones).

Oxford take honours in a first-class affair

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Possession is disputed in the University hockey match. "The men who play, organise and support are folk of the very highest calibre, exuding old-fashioned decency."

A dozen taxis stood outside Reading railway station. "The hockey club at Sonning," I said to the bookish-looking driver of the first in line. The man consulted a gazetteer unenthusiastically. I waited, tried the next vehicle: do you know Sonning? Then the third.

Taxi driving in the former biscuit capital of Europe has gone along the path of metropolitan newsagents: hijacked by men of the sub-continent. Driver No. 5 knew Sonning, knew the hockey club ... but couldn't get his cab out of the slipway because of the ones in front. It took some time before we were en route and the driver opined that "the others probably knew where you wanted to go but don't care for short journeys; trips to Heathrow and Gatwick is what they are after".

Sonning is a jewel of a Thames-side village boasting a rated eating house, successful theatre, picturesque church and a hotel which used to be called the White Hart, is now The Great House and serves Thai food. Mr Uri Geller of spoon-bending fame lives there, in a stunningly beautiful mansion above a water meadow.

To the west, beyond Reading Blue Coat School, stands the Reading Hockey Club, scene of Tuesday's University match. Although hockey is a minor sport, the blue you win is a full blue — unlike badminton or scrabble — and the men who play, also those who organise and support, are folk of the very highest calibre, exuding old-fashioned decency.

You need only look at the admirably straight lines of the patrons' parked cars, the pristine appearance of the buses and coaches, the neat turnout of the volunteer programme sellers, the absence of police and the hum of nicely modulated small-talk to realise that this is an event of quality.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The men who are there are solid men, men of property, and the youths are their heirs; while there are many women among the crowd of 800, they were not just any old women, but sisters and mothers — with a sprinkling of aunts. And everyone belonged, was knowledgeable, was there for a purpose: hockey. Sonning, February 23 had been inscribed in their day-books since the end of last year.

The clubhouse is on two floors: players of varying vintages sip soberly in the upstairs bar, are pleased to see each other again, talk fondly of those who have fallen off the perch, are generous with their hospitality.

A waitress takes a tray of fairy-cakes on a tour of the premises before setting it down beside a platter of sensible, triangular sandwiches quiescent beneath their coat of cling film. This is an orderly and well-regulated establishment.

"Would you," asked a Barbour-coated member, "care for a libation?"

"I think that was Roger Bannister," said a woman. "I wouldn't recognise him," replied her husband, "I've only ever seen him in black and white."

The pitch is Astroturf and there are banks of brushes at the entrance for the use of any with less than properly clean boots. The unnatural greenery contrasts nicely with the whiteness of the hockey balls and the red of the umpires' shirts — though it is noticeable that one of the red shirts is redder than the other, as in the detergent commercial.

Oxford are favourites. Oxford are better than Cambridge. Oxford win 3-0. Even though Mr Hoskins, the Oxford No. 8, is shown a green card, is then given a yellow one denoting a five-minute penalty — for pushing a Cambridge defender in the back — did the crowd boo? Did the crowd shout "Send him off!"?

Actually no, though the Cambridge don sitting behind me turned to his companion and said: "Manifestly maladroit." I tried to imagine the crowd on the Kop at Liverpool singing: "Ee eye addio manifestly maladroit"; gave up.

At half-time there was tea and coffee; a hamburger stall serviced by men over six foot five — perhaps a university basketball team — did impressive trade and some spectators — including me — availed themselves of lager from the beer tent — not an impressive drink, though credit should not be denied whoever held the ferret over the bottle.

"Come on the blues," called a doctor of philosophy. "Come on the light blues," corrected another.

"Oxford," shouted a red-headed girl with freckles, pronouncing each letter of that duo-syllabic city. Then she blushed. I should think so: such noise and Oxford were winning.

I walked around the pitch to see how the Cambridge coach was taking it, found him surrounded by his substitutes urging one of them to warm up: "Workworkwork, we'llgetthere," he said. Not very loudly. I believed him, but by the time I left, after the final whistle had blown, they still had some way to go.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Yachts hampered by roughest conditions

WITH winds touching 70 knots in the Southern ocean yesterday, the British Steel Challenge crews were taking a battering. Several yachts had torn sails, Hofbrau Lager lost steering and three crewmen aboard Interspray had minor injuries after being swept across the deck by green water.

Interspray's skipper, Paul Jeffes, whose yacht moved up to sixth place, reported: "We are experiencing the roughest conditions of the voyage. Extremely large waves are frequently breaking right over the boat, making deck work hazardous. I've instructed our ship's doctor, Julian Wells, to issue no more sick notes — only death certificates." Mike Golding's and his crew on Group 4 Securitas have extended their lead to 37 miles over Richard Merriweather's second-placed yacht, Commercial Union.

☐ Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake's 85ft catamaran, Enza New Zealand, is more than four days ahead of schedule to break Jules Verne's 80-day circumnavigation record.

Cannons spiked

SQUASH: Cannons Club — with their first-string player, Chris Dittmar, absent in order to play the final of the Leekes Classic in Cardiff and Tony Hands leading the squad for the first time — dropped another vital point in the race for the Pimm's Premier League title when Del Harris lost at second string against bottom-placed W F Village Manchester. Only three points off the lead but a match adrift on the schedule, Cannons now effectively trail Lambs Club and Leekes Wizards, both comprehensive winners this week, by too great a margin to hope for a fourth victory in the national league. Harris, once the brightest hope of England's new generation, has at the age of 23 increasing difficulty with injury and motivation.

IOC starts with Sydney

OLYMPIC GAMES: Sydney is to be the first stop on the International Olympic Committee's tour of candidates for the Olympic Games 2000. The IOC enquiry commission will visit Sydney from Monday. Between then and the end of April it will visit the other cities bidding to host the games. The 11-member party, chaired by Gunnar Ericsson, of Sweden, will produce a report for submission to the IOC executive board and members in July. The hosts will be decided by an exhaustive vote of IOC members in Monaco on September 23.

Austin moves up gear

TENNIS: Tracy Austin continued her comeback with an impressive 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 upset win over the No. 2 seed, Katerina Maleeva, in the Evert Cup in Indian Wells, California. In the first round, Austin, the 1979 and 1981 US Open champion and the former world No. 1, won her first match in nearly nine years. She said she was shell-shocked with her victory over the twelfth-ranked Maleeva. Clare Wood, of Sussex, followed her first-round win over the No. 10 seed, Rosalyn Fairbank-Nideffer, by beating the American, Kathy Rinaldi, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

Fresh hope for Schwer

BOXING: Billy Schwer may still be able to challenge for the European title, even though he lost his British and Commonwealth championships to Paul Burke on Wednesday (Srikumar Sen writes). Burke's manager, Phil Martin, said his boxer would be willing to step aside for Schwer, but Mickey Duff, Schwer's manager, wants a rematch with Burke first. Duff, who protested when the bout was stopped in the seventh round because of cuts above Schwer's eyes, said John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, had told him he would be ordering a rematch.

Roe beats McManus

SNOOKER: David Roe gained some recompense for a recent series of narrow defeats with a surprising 5-3 victory over an ailing Alan McManus in the fourth round of the £250,000 Wickes British Open at the Assembly Rooms, Derby yesterday (Phil Yates writes). McManus, twice a finalist and six times a semi-finalist already during the 1992-3 campaign, recovered from 4-1 down and 0-41 in the sixth frame to trail only 4-3, despite suffering from a heavy cold. However, Roe compiled breaks of 34 and 32 to win the eighth frame.

Slough lose two players

HOCKEY: Slough will go into their most important weekend of the women's season without Kate Parker and Denise Shorney, who have refused to play for the first team again (Alix Ramsay writes). Parker, the former captain and leading goalscorer over the past two seasons, and Shorney could not get on with the coach, Ian Jennings. The situation came to a head when Jennings resigned last week but at a players' meeting on Monday most of the squad decided they wanted Jennings to return as coach, so Parker and Shorney announced they would leave instead.

First win for Bartoli

CYCLING: Michele Bartoli, of Italy, recorded the first important win of his professional career when he secured victory in the six-day Tour of Sicily yesterday. Bartoli, 22, in his first full season as a professional, won the 187.5km final stage in 4hr 33min 47sec to follow his success in the opening stage last Saturday. His total time of 18hr 59min 38sec left him 17sec clear of the Czech rider, Lubos Lom. Another Italian, Guido Bontempi, broke away from the pack two kilometres from the finish to win the third stage of the Tour of Valencia and take the overall lead.

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Cambridge Lent races

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Caius bpd Pembroke, Queens' bpd Emmanuel; Christ's bpd Magdalene.

SECOND DIVISION: Girton bpd Peterhouse; Corpus Christi bpd Caius II; Sidney Sussex bpd Pembroke II, Trinity Hall II bpd King's; Magdalene II bpd Selwyn.

THIRD DIVISION: LMBC III bpd Jesus III; Churchill II bpd Peterhouse II; Girton II bpd Clare III; Veterinary School overbpd Christ's II, Churchill III bpd Corpus Christi II, LMBC IV bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity III.

FOURTH DIVISION: Trinity Hall III bpd Magdalene III; CCAT bpd Addenbrooke's; Robinson II bpd Queens' III; Hughes Hall bpd Caius III, Downing III overbpd Christ III

FIFTH DIVISION: Pembroke III bpd Homerton, Queens' IV bpd St Edmund's Hall, Jesus IV bpd Theological Colleges, Girton III bpd Emmanuel III, Trinity Hall IV bpd Magdalene IV, Sidney Sussex III bpd Clare IV, LMBC VI bpd St Catharine's IV

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Downing, Jesus, Caius, Pembroke, LMBC, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Queens', Emmanuel, Churchill, Selwyn, Christ's, Magdalene, Clare, St Catharine's, Fitzwilliam.

SECOND DIVISION: Robinson, Jesus II, LMBC Margaret II, Downing II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Girton, Peterhouse, Corpus Christi, Caius II, Sidney Sussex, Pembroke II, Trinity Hall II, King's, Clare II, Magdalene II, Selwyn II.

THIRD DIVISION: LMBC III, Jesus III, Queens' II, Emmanuel II, Fitzwilliam II, Churchill II, Peterhouse II, Girton II, Clare III, Veterinary School, Churchill III, Corpus Christi II, Christ's II, Darwin, LMBC IV, 1st and 3rd Trinity III.

FOURTH DIVISION: Trinity Hall III, Magdalene III, St Catharine's II, LMBC V, CCAT, Addenbrooke's, Selwyn III, Wolfson, Robinson II, Queens' III, King's II, Downing III, Hughes Hall, Caius III, Christ's III, Sidney Sussex II

FIFTH DIVISION: Pembroke III, Homerton, Corpus Christi III, Queens' IV, St Edmund's Hall, Jesus IV, Theological Colleges, St Catharine's III, Girton III, Emmanuel III, Trinity Hall IV, Magdalene IV, Sidney Sussex III, Clare IV, Downing IV, CCAT II, LMBC VI, St Catharine's IV.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Emmanuel, Selwyn bpd Queens'; New Hall bpd Caius; St Catharine's bpd Churchill; Sidney Sussex bpd Downing; Girton bpd Robinson; 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Christ's.

SECOND DIVISION: 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Pembroke, Magdalene bpd Corpus Christi; LMBC II bpd Jesus II; CCAT bpd OMABC, Selwyn II bpd Clare II; Wolfson overbpd Girton II; Sidney Sussex II bpd New Hall II.

THIRD DIVISION: Wolfson bpd Addenbrooke's; Darwin bpd Churchill II; LMBC II bpd Hughes Hall, St Catharine's II bpd Caius II; Homerton II bpd Queens' II; Christ II bpd Corpus Christi II; Jesus III bpd Caius III, Jesus IV bpd Emmanuel IV.

NOTE: In the rerow of the second division carried over from Wednesday: Selwyn II bpd Emmanuel 'B'; Girton II bpd New Hall II; Sidney Sussex II bpd Addenbrooke's.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Emmanuel, Jesus, Newnham, Selwyn, Queens', Trinity Hall, Clare, New Hall, Caius, St Catharine's, Churchill, Sidney Sussex, Downing, Girton, Robinson, 1st and 3rd Trinity

SECOND DIVISION: Christ's, Pembroke, Homerton, Magdalene, Corpus Christi, LMBC II, Jesus II — Fitzwilliam or Newnham II, subject to rerow — CCAT, OMABC, Selwyn II, Clare II, Emmanuel II, Wolfson, Sidney Sussex II, New Hall II.

THIRD DIVISION: Girton II, Addenbrooke's, Darwin, Churchill II, LMBC III, Hughes Hall, St Catharine's II, Caius II, Homerton II, Queens' II, Christ II, Corpus Christi II, Trinity Hall II, Pembroke II, Jesus III, Caius III, Jesus IV, Emmanuel III

Oxford torpids

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: University bpd Christ Church, Worcester bpd Oriel II; St Edmund Hall bpd Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: Wadham bpd Keble.

THIRD DIVISION: Osler House bpd University II; Worcester II bpd Brasenose II; Pembroke II bpd Mansfield

FOURTH DIVISION: Pembroke II bpd Corpus Christi; Linacre bpd St Catherine's II, Exeter II bpd Lincoln II; Keble II bpd Lincoln II; Queen's II bpd Lincoln II, St John's II bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; Magdalen II bpd Wadham II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Magdalen II bpd Hertford II; Regent's Park bpd Worcester III; Oriel IV bpd Worcester III, Jesus II bpd Worcester III; St Peter's bpd Jesus II; St John's III bpd Oriel V; Keble III bpd Oriel 5; St Benet's Hall bpd St Anne's II

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Oriel, Brasenose, Pembroke, University, Christ Church, Magdalen, New College, Worcester, Oriel II, Balliol, St Edmund Hall, Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: Hertford, St Catherine's, Lincoln, Wadham, Keble, Wolfson, St John's, Queen's, Exeter, Jesus, St Peter's, Christ Church II

THIRD DIVISION: Trinity, Osler House II, University II, St Hugh's, St Anne's, Merton, New College, Oriel III, Balliol II, Worcester II, Brasenose II, Pembroke II.

FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield, Corpus Christi, Linacre, St Catherine's II, St Edmund Hall, Exeter II, Keble II, Queen's II, Lincoln II, St John's II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Magdalen II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Wadham II, Hertford II, Regent's Park, Oriel IV, Jesus II, St Peter's II, Worcester III, St John's III, Keble III, Oriel V, St Benet's Hall, St Anne's II, Queen's III

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: University bpd Wadham, Lady Margaret Hall bpd St Hilda's; Christ Church bpd Lady Margaret Hall

SECOND DIVISION: Trinity bpd St Anne's, Oriel bpd Trinity; Jesus bpd Balliol; Lincoln bpd Exeter; Somerville II bpd Exeter, St Edmund Hall bpd Somerville II

THIRD DIVISION: St Edmund Hall bpd St Hugh's; Merton bpd St Hugh's; Queen's bpd St Hugh's; Magdalen bpd Linacre; Osler House II bpd New College II; Wadham II bpd Oriel II.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville, New College, Osler House, University, Wadham, St Catherine's, Pembroke, Wolfson, Christ Church, Lady Margaret Hall, St Hilda's, Worcester

SECOND DIVISION: Brasenose, Oriel, Trinity, St Anne's, Keble, St John's, Hertford, Jesus, Balliol, Lincoln, St Edmund Hall, Somerville II.

THIRD DIVISION: Exeter, Merton, Queen's, St Hugh's, Magdalen, Linacre, St Peter's, Osler House II, Oriel II, Wadham II, New College II, Pembroke II.

BOWLS

Robertson taxed to find way past fitter McCann

JIM McCann, a carpet fitter from Blantyre, floored the No. 7 seed, Graham Robertson, a tax inspector from Tranent, in an all-Scottish quarter-final in the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Only days before, in his victory over Cameron Curtis, McCann had proved it is possible to lose the first two sets and still win; yesterday, it seemed he was going to be on the wrong end of a similar script, when Robertson came back to lead 3-0 in the fifth set.

McCann had missed a glorious chance of winning the fourth set, and his hopes were fading when Robertson opened the decider with three successive singles and held two good shots on the fourth end. With his final bowl, however, McCann produced a perfect trail to stop the rot, and levelled at 3-3 on the next end.

It was Robertson's turn to miss his opportunities, but he pressed on to lead 6-5 by taking out a McCann bowl for a double on the eighth end. His last bowl on the ninth, however, was fractionally under-greened, and was wrecked on one of his opponent's two counters.

The victory guarantees McCann £6,500, while he still, of course, has the chance of the £24,000 first prize.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Corsie (Scot) bt M King (Eng), 5-7, 7-1, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; G Smith bt J Price (Wales), 8-7, 7-2, 5-7, 7-2, 7-0; J McCann (Scot) bt G Robertson (Scot), 7-6, 7-6, 1-7, 4-7, 7-6.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	70	170	good	open	sunny	-10	22/2
(20cms of new snow on runs. Entire area open)							
Schladming	30	160	good	open	cloudy	-3	23/2
(Dry snow, but avalanche danger. All lifts and runs open)							
Soll	50	90	fresh snow	open	overcast	-3	24/2
(All pistes groomed. Entire ski area open)							
FRANCE							
La Clusaz	20	200	good	open	fine	0	22/2
(Cold, dry snow on all runs. 80% of resort open)							
Meribel	35	200	good	open	fine	-10	22/2
(Cold, dry snow on all runs. 47 lifts and 59 pistes open)							
Tignes	135	380	good	complete	sunny	-8	22/2
(All pistes complete, offering excellent conditions)							
Valmorel	20	160	good	open	bright	3	22/2
(Powder snow on hard base on lower runs. All links open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	90	120	fresh snow	open	sunny	-10	23/2
(Good conditions at all levels. All 16 lifts open)							
Gstaad	30	90	good	open	sunny	-9	21/2
(Best snow on glacier. All runs in good condition)							
Saas Fee	25	210	good	open	fine	-9	22/2
(Best snow on glacier. Snow hardpacked at all levels)							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	170	good	open	sunny	7	22/2
(Hardpacked with icy patches by noon. All lifts open)							
Madesimo	35	170	good	icy patches	sunny	0	22/2
(Packed powder snow on higher runs. 20/21 lifts open)							

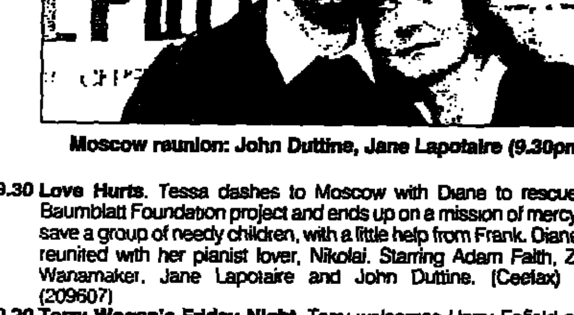
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (91201)
7.00 Breakfast News. Home and foreign news and topical reports with extended bulletins on the hour and headlines every 15 minutes. Plus business updates, sport, weather and travel news (83987713)
9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (6905238) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (6957404)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9522572) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (6346442)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (10543881)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among those joining Judi Spiers is the singer and siffleur Roger Whittaker (s) (7224607) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98016978)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (35572)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87536336) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78585423)
2.20 First Letter First Word game show hosted by Don Maclean (s) (51896238) **2.45 The Flying Doctors** Australian medical drama set in the outback (s) (1233997)
3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (8347591) **3.45 Juniper Jungle** (s) (3560094) **3.55 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (8566268) **4.05 Jackanory** Cathy Tyson with the last part of Bernard Ashley's story *The Princess Watch* (r) (2205152) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (1685171) **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Includes a link-up with young birdwatchers around the globe to find out what they can see in their gardens; and Terry Nutkins is in Mauritius to see one of the rarest birds in the world. (Ceefax) (s) (3716510)
4.55 Newsround Extra A preview of the Jason Project in which children at the Merseyside Maritime Museum will take part in a live underwater link-up with marine scientists off the west coast of Mexico, sharing a real-time study of life in the open seas (3245881)
5.10 Grange Hill Children's drama serial set in a comprehensive school (Ceefax) (s) (4607249)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (509959)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (997)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (249). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (5268)
7.30 Entertainment Express. Showbusiness and media magazine presented by Selina Scott and John Leslie. Guests include Leslie Grantham (Ceefax) (s) (133). Northern Ireland. Sportscene
8.00 All Creatures Great and Small. Siegfried becomes worried when the usually equable Mrs Clarke gives her neighbour, a former Italian prisoner-of-war, the cold shoulder. He is the new shepherd on the estate where she is a tenant farmer. Starring Robert Hardy, Thora Hird and Ray Mangion (r). (Ceefax) (830539)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (212152)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8959)

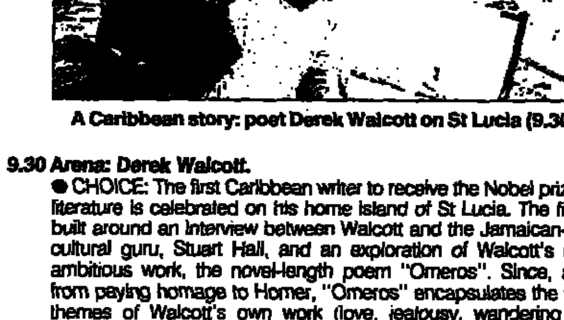


Moscow reunion: John Duttine, Jane Lapotaire (9.30pm)

9.30 Love Hurts. Tessa dashes to Moscow with Diane to rescue a Baumblatt Foundation project and ends up on a mission of mercy to save a group of needy children, with a little help from Frank. Diane is reunited with her pianist lover, Nikolai. Starring Adam Faith, Zoë Wanamaker, Jane Lapotaire and John Duttine. (Ceefax) (s) (209607)
10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Terry welcomes Harry Enfield and Michael Ball. Meanwhile, co-host Arthur Smith reports from Provence (s) (797572). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
11.00 Film: The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper (1981) starring Treat Williams and Robert Duvall. D.B. Cooper hijacked a plane in 1971 and bailed out with $200,000, never to be seen or heard of again. This lively action comedy suggests what might have happened to him. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode. (Ceefax) (908317). Northern Ireland: 11.10 Entertainment Express 11.40 Terry Wogan's Friday Night 12.20am-1.50 Film: Busting
12.40am Weather (7195466)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths — Newton's law of Motion (4008084) **7.10** Probability and Statistics: Chance (9867323) **7.35** Maths: the Binomial Theorem (4345404)
8.00 Breakfast News (5960336) **8.15 Westminster** (2299688)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **1.20 Fingermouse** (80197171) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90001688)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (51230591) **2.15 Jumpcuts.** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (54759591)
2.20 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Racing from Haydock Park: live coverage of the 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 races; World Bowls: action from the singles semi-final of the Midland Bank indoor championships at the Guild Hall, Preston; Football: highlights from the week's games. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.50** and **3.50** (58948997)
5.30 Top Gear. Chris Goffey assesses the new Citroen Xantia and Tony Mason joins the Claret and Classic rally through the vineyards of the Loire Valley (r) (s) (626)
6.00 Stingray. Puppet adventures series from the 1960s (r). (Ceefax) (926978)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spoof secret agent series starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (749423)
7.15 Dr Who. Episode two of a four-part adventure, *The Caves of Androzani*, first shown in 1984 and starring Peter Davison. (Ceefax) (679978)
7.40 What the Papers Say with Joanna Coles of *The Guardian* (287046)
8.00 Public Eye: The High Price of Hips.
● CHOICE: Hip replacement, once considered a jewel in the surgical crown, is in trouble. Many hips that were supposed to last a lifetime are cracking up, which means extra cost for the health service and needless pain for the patient. Richard Lindley's report identifies several culprits. Manufacturers of artificial hips persuade doctors to try new models or techniques which have not been sufficiently tested. The pressure to cut hospital waiting lists means that operations may be carried out by inexperienced surgeons. Market-orientated hospital managers tend to think about how many operations they can get done for a price. As one surgeon puts it. "The patient is often seen as a business opportunity rather than a medical problem." And it is the patient who suffers. (2930)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Lynda Brown is on the trail of Dickensian cauliflowers and Victorian radishes; Geoff Hamilton does some sowing at Barnsdale; and Nicholas Wray admires the snowdrop. (Ceefax) (1065)
9.00 Red Dwarf V. Space age comedy starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles as indolent astronauts, tonight discovering an abandoned space craft lying on an ocean bed (r). (s) (Ceefax) (9201)


A Caribbean story: poet Derek Walcott on St Lucia (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: Derek Walcott.
● CHOICE: The first Caribbean writer to receive the Nobel prize for literature is celebrated on his home island of St Lucia. The film is built around an interview between Walcott and the Jamaican-born cultural guru, Stuart Hall, and an exploration of Walcott's most ambitious work, the novel-length poem "Omeros". Since, apart from paying homage to Homer, "Omeros" encapsulates the main themes of Walcott's own work (love, jealousy, wandering and return) the illustration is well chosen. Hall usefully demonstrates how Walcott took the main elements of the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey" and fashioned them into a Caribbean story. This is a literary portrait. We are told little of Walcott's personal life. What we do hear, to Hall's obvious surprise, is that Walcott regards British imperial rule as "basically benign" (43064)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. Includes a report from Graham McLagan on the Iranian army. There is an interview with the Iranian defence minister Akbar Torkan (225065) **11.15 Weather** (215978)
11.20 Heimat (colour and b/w). Episode six of the masterly German epic following the lives of three village families during the years from 1919 to 1982. In German with English subtitles (490152). Ends at **12.25am.** Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.50-12.50 Heimat

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Hastings until **7.00** when Martin Frizell and Anne Davies take over. At **8.50** Lorraine Kelly introduces *Top of the Morning* (6962572)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game in which Steve Jones provides the answers and the contestants have to know the questions (9047381) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6322362)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion (9622220)
10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine series. Today's edition includes interior decorating ideas and advice on alternative remedies. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (60191152)
12.10 Tots TV Children's puppet series (6095797)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1576336) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80189152)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (988046) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical tales set in the Australian outback (s) (987317)
2.15 Life Goes On American domestic drama series (9225881)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7602152) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7601423) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (5575404)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (3935930) **3.55 Zzzap!** Television comic (6927292) **4.15 Talespin** Animated adventures (r) (s) (3711959) **4.40 Just Us** Episode two of the seven-part drama about two sets of stepchildren (Teletext) (s) (8032626)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6551510)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan (Teletext) Weather (133065)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (69978)
7.00 Celebrity Squares Comedy quiz game hosted by Bob Monkhouse. The guests are Wendy Richard, Jonathon Morris, John Inman, Joan Sims, Willie Rushton, Sarah Lancashire, Tony Gerrard, Dame Hilda Bracket and a Chippendale (s) (4256)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (201)
8.00 The Bill: Trivial Pursuits. A bored PC Loxton is jolted out of his lethargy when he misreads a domestic incident. Starring Tom Butcher (Teletext) (9084)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. More cutting humour from acerbic surgeon Sheila Sabatini (Nichola McAuliffe), this week campaigning for more female colleagues in the operating theatres. (Teletext) (8591)
9.00 The Good Guys In the last of the current series of the amiable comedy-drama, the two Guys are asked by the estranged daughter of a business tycoon to help her regain her inheritance. Kenneth Haigh joins the regulars, Nigel Havers and Keith Barron (Teletext) (s) (4249)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (34794) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (450341)
10.40 Crime Monthly presented by Paul Ross. Includes an appeal for witnesses to this week's shooting in a Hammersmith newsagent's (321688)
11.40 Love and War. American comedy about a love-hate relationship between two opposites, a world-weary newspaper reporter (Jay Thomas) and a wealthy divorcee (Susan Dey) (s) (222268)
12.10am TV Dating Matchmaking service for singles (7220331)
12.40 The ITV Chart Show (s) (4421669)
1.35 Whale On. James Whale chairs a discussion on fetish fashion (1770485)
2.40 American Gladiators. Superfit professionals and amateurs in challenges of strength and strategy (s) (1682176)
3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest American releases reviewed by Richard Blade (90718)
4.20 Austin City Limits. Country music series (3978176)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (20331). Ends at **6.00**


In the line of duty: Tom Butcher is held at gunpoint (8.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (9046572)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Animation (9921607)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Dannii Minogue (58423)
9.00 You Bet Your Life Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (44171)
9.30 Schools (614317)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Zeinab Badawi with a round-up of news from both Houses (31607)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guests are Billy Joel and Rick Moranis, star of *Honey, I Blew Up the Kid* (87065) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (41572)


Indian epic: Myrna Loy is calm before the storm (2.00pm)

2.00 Film: The Rains Came (1939, b/w).
● CHOICE Louis Bromfield's best-selling novel of British India is turned by Hollywood into a polished and gripping melodrama, which balances the human story with an expertly-staged natural disaster. Myrna Loy plays a bored Englishwoman with a dull husband (Nigel Bruce) who falls for an Indian doctor (Tyrone Power). Then the rains come, followed by floods, an earthquake and the plague, all helping to win an Oscar for the special effects department. Loy, who has had a sheltered upbringing, suddenly sees what real life is about and tends heroically to the flood victims. Hubby obligingly dies, and romance beckons. If the story is basically soap opera, it is told with great panache, helped by star performances, Arthur Miller's striking monochrome photography and the assured direction of Clarence Brown (148336)
3.55 Miracle at Tendaho A *Survival* documentary about Ethiopia's Danakil desert where a British company set about irrigating a corner of the wasteland and attracting new animal life to the area (8144268)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (442)
5.00 Cutting Edge: The Claims Men (r). (Teletext) (7249)
6.00 Blossom Comedy series about a teenaged girl living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (607)
6.30 Happy Days American comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (959)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shanaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (573862)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (180794)
8.00 Brother Felix and the Virgin Saint The second of Bamber Gascoigne's three-part series on the pilgrimage of a medieval monk (r) (7826)
8.30 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (teletext) (s) (6133)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits the Jardin de Plantes in Nantes. (Teletext) (s) (4997)
9.30 Cheers. Comedy series about the customers and staff of a popular Boston bar. (Teletext) (s) (62065)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking domestic comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (32336)
10.30 Absolutely. Last in the off-beat comedy series (s) (506442)
11.05 The Word. Music and style magazine (s) (114220)
12.10am Film: Monster from Green Hell (1957, b/w). Science fiction thriller, low on budget and imagination, about scientists in Africa searching for giant wasps. Starring Jim Davis and directed by Kenneth Crane (3674060)
1.25 It's Showtime at the Apollo. The guests include the female rap duo Salt 'n' Peppa (r) (4757466). Ends at **2.20**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5575404) **5.10-5.40** Package Pilgrims (8551510) **6.00** Home and Away (913404) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (465084) **10.45** Anglia Live (689571) **11.45** Married... with Children (681423) **12.10** Night Heat (3252114) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3294195) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4055718) **4.00** Sportsworld (91027) **4.30** Riviera (60008) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (48398)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45 Challenge (987317) **2.15-3.10** Donahue (9225881) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5575404) **6.00** Lookaround (715) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (317) **10.40** The Country Show (541404) **11.10** Island Son (107220) **12.10** The War of the Worlds (9115756) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3275060) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4055718) **4.00** Sportsworld (91027) **4.30** Riviera (60008) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (48398)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (988046) **1.45** Home and Away (987317) **2.15-3.10** Kojak (9225881) **3.20-3.50** GP (5575404) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8551510) **6.00** Home and Away (913404) **6.25-7.00** Central News (465084) **10.40** Central Weekend (8862846) **12.10** Film: Street of Dreams (129244) **1.55** Whale On (4587718) **2.55** The Beat (8510398) **3.55** Sprockets (88689398) **4.25** Jobfinder (2409260) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3992114)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (988046) **1.45** Home and Away (987317) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (9225881) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5575404) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8551510) **6.00** Home and Away (715) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (317) **10.40** Up Front (321688) **11.40** McCloud: The New Mexican Connection (553797) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3275060) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4055718) **4.00** Sportsworld (91027) **4.30** Riviera (60008) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (48398)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Wish You Were Here..? (987317) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (9225881) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5575404) **6.00** HTV News (715) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (317) **10.40** Late and Live (8862846) **12.10** Night Heat (9115756) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3275060) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4055718) **4.00** Sportsworld (91027) **4.30** Riviera (60008) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (48398)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** 3-D **11.10-12.10** Island Son

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15 Future Perfect (902828) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here..? (2578882) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5575404) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (69978) **10.40** Film: Survivors (51306317) **12.35** Married...with Children (3051282) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4392331) **2.35** Raw Power (8597447) **3.35** Cue the Music (5163447) **4.30** Country Ways (60008) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (48398)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: The New, Original Wonder Women (5977133) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5575404) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (715) **6.30-7.00** Friday Documentary (317) **10.40** Head to Head (321688) **11.40** Film: Fantasy Man (553797) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** The Big E (3294195) **3.00** Film: T-Men (885468) **4.40** The Twilight Zone (66847244) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (6457824)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Three's a Crowd (5977133) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (69978) **10.40** Kelly (8862846) **12.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (9115756) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3275060) **3.05** Entertainment USA (6509379)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (987317) **2.15** Wish You Were Here..? (902828) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2578882) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5575404) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (69978) **10.40** Westwise (541404) **11.15** Film: The Killing of Randy Webster (389139) **1.05** Whale On (7889756) **2.05** Raw Power (3275060) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4055718) **4.00** Sportsworld (91027) **4.30** Riviera (60008) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (48398)

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Starts: 6.00 You Bet Your Life (44171) **6.30** Yagolion (614317) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (31607) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (42201) **1.00** Lift Off (51510) **1.30** Close to Home (41572) **2.00** Film: My Boyfriend's Back (78065) **3.30** The King's Stamp (6691355) **3.55** Birdscape (6676046) **4.25** Slot 23 (8387862) **5.00** Countdown (1442) **5.30** Brookside (794) **6.00** News (366572) **6.10** Heno (751268) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8978) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (171) **8.00** Cein Gwlad (7826) **8.30** News (977733) **8.55** Y Maswr (189442) **9.50** San Steffan (500355) **10.00** Nurses (32336) **10.30** Absolutely (506442) **11.05** The Word (114220) **12.10** Film. Monster From Green Hell (445404) **1.45** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36821881) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5223713) **9.10** Cartoons (8960591) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (27715) **10.00** Strike It Rich (78713) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (73607) **11.00** Hart to Hart (46846) **12.00** Falcon Crest (94888) **1.00pm** E Street (46882) **1.30** Another World (8711305) **2.15** Santa Barbara (617572) **2.45** Maude (549171) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (548084) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6381238) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6539) **6.00** Rescue (6861) **6.30** E Street (7133) **7.00** Alf (7268) **7.30** Family Ties (8317) **8.00** The Making of Terminator 2 (3688) **8.30** Alien Nation (82607) **9.30** World Wrestling Federation Superstars (78794) **10.30** Studs (74336) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (85591) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (92442) **6.30** News and Business Report (234862) **9.30** Nightline (99997) **10.30** 48 Hours (48775) **11.30** International Business Report (75607) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (42591) **1.30** Good Morning America (43220) **2.30** Parliament (77404) **3.30** The Lords (79133) **4.30** News and Business Report (3930) **5.00** Live at Five (41959) **6.30** News and Business Report (85423) **7.30** 48 Hours (1959) **10.30** Nightline (96978) **11.30** ABC News (56959) **12.30am** 48 Hours (91553) **1.30** ABC News (56973) **2.30** Getaway (74718) **3.30** ABC News (79263) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (36909) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (84553)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2366510)
10.00 Caddie Woodlawn: A tomboy helps to foil an ambush (19997)
12.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1940, b/w): Tale of upper-class bullies (50317)
2.00pm Pocket Money (1972). Light-hearted western starring Paul Newman and Lee Marvin (216336)
3.55 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1981): Private eye Steve Martin interacts with 1940s film clips. With Rachel Ward (5127591)
5.25 Xposure Film news (2167442)
5.55 Caddie Woodlawn (as 10am) (91627698) **7.40 Entertainment Tonight**
8.00 Hudson Hawk (1991). Comedy with Bruce Willis as a cat burglar (23705355)
9.40 US Top Ten (775607)
10.00 The Stranger Within (1990). Rick Schroeder claims that he is Kate Jackson's long-lost son (872220)
11.45 Out for Justice (1991): Steven Seagal and William Forsythe fight to control the streets of Brooklyn (347355)
1.15am Eve of Destruction (1990): A military robot goes haywire (843973)
2.55 Fast Getaway (1991): Martial arts thriller with Cynthia Rothrock (3110089)
4.20 Lethal Error (1991): A mother has to prevent her son's death by proving his innocence (659843). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm All Quiet on the Western Front (1930, b/w): First world war pacifist drama from a German point of view (38084)
8.00 Ace High (1969): Spaghetti western starring Eli Wallach (63571)
10.00 Mutant (1983). Horror-zombie story (861152). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am The Time Game: A boy's grandfather owns a time machine (63669084)
8.45 Rock Around the Clock (1956): Starring Bill Haley and His Comets (3277274)
10.05 Dad's Army (1971): Arthur Lowe commands the Home Guard (13209084)
11.45 Muscle Beach Party (1964). Frankie Avalon musical (68034539)
1.25pm Pal Joey (1957): Frank Sinatra dreams of owning a nightclub (47845201)
3.15 Alakazam the Great (1961): Cartoon about an arrogant monkey (661572)
5.15 Outback (1988). Jeff Fahey buys an Australian farm (15230881)
7.00 Columbo: Bird in the Hand (1991): Peter Falk as the police lieutenant (89317)
9.00 Thelma and Louise (1991). Ridley Scott's road movie (52520775)
11.15 Omen IV — The Awakening (1991): A couple adopts a satanic child (822423)
12.55am Crusoe (1989): Aidan Quinn is shipwrecked on a desert island (443621)
2.35 Blaze (1989): Louisiana governor Paul Newman has an affair with stripper Lolita Davidovich (853911)
4.35 C.H.O.M.P.S. (1979). Animation about a mechanical dog (1161737). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am One-Day Cricket. India v England (7291171) **12.00** Netbusters (54171) **12.30pm** German Football (18997) **2.30** Cricket (33828) **4.00** Soccer Weekend (967171) **7.00** Cricket (30065) **9.00** Golf: Los Angeles Open (81152) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (36249) **12.00** European League (11392) **1.00-1.30am** Netbusters (60621)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (46152) **8.30** Tennis (78171) **9.30** Trans World Sport (35713) **10.30** Basketball (845961) **11.30** Nordic Skiing (76171) **1.30pm** World Cup '94 Qualifiers (32404) **3.00** Tennis ATP Tour (858423) **6.00** Handball (75152) **7.00** Nordic Skiing (52572) **8.30** Eurosport News (2591) **9.00** Tennis ATP Tour (69442) **10.30** Kick Boxing (68336) **11.30-12.00** News (14733)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Golf: Moroccan Open (62828) **8.00** Ten Pin Bowling (12387) **9.00** Motor Racing (29510) **10.00** Ice Hockey (77881) **11.30** World Cup '94 Qualifiers (58317) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (79978) **2.00** Auto Action. Miami Grand Prix (11442) **3.00** Adventure Sport (5201) **3.30** Football Holland (28423) **4.30** Golf. Moroccan Open (59046) **5.30** NHL Review (68268) **6.30** NBA Action (9959) **7.00** Gillette Sports (8210) **7.30** Go — Motorsport (97404) **8.30** Kick Boxing (38539) **9.30** Pro Box USA (18336) **10.30** Boxing News (62510) ***11.30** World Cup '94* (31355) **1.30am** NHL Ice Hockey (10553) **3.30** NHL Review (26553) **4.30-6.00** Snooker (53398)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (39626959) **6.15** Button Moon (38647442) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (1446713) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3679930) **7.30** Neighbours (3698065) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5270862) **8.30** EastEnders (5279133) **9.00** The Bill (5293713) **9.30** The Brothers (5092220) **10.30** Tenko (7085249) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (4529387) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5280249) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5862794) **1.00** EastEnders (3876201) **1.30** The Bill (5861085) **2.00** Never the Twain (7093978) **2.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (3106423) **3.00** Dallas (2481643) **4.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3197775) **4.30** Deke Wilson (3193959) **5.00** Candid Camera (7077930) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3117539) **6.00** Neighbours (3107152) **6.30** The Brothers (5349620) **7.30** Never the Twain (3194688) **8.00** EastEnders (7006442) **8.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (7092249) **9.00** Tenko (3989572) **10.00** The Bill (5281978) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (5290626) **11.00** Dick Emery (8745309) **11.30** Film: The Seventh Victim (1943, b/w) starring Tom Conway (9382794) **12.45-1.30am** Video Bites (3122973)

RADIO 3

6.55am Open University: Maths Miscellany **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle. Including Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill); Respighi (Trittico Botticelliano); Sinding (Suite in A minor, Op 10); Bridge (Enter Spring)
9.00 Composers of the Week: J.C. Bach and His London Contemporaries. J.C. Bach (Symphony in D, Op 18 No 4); Thomas Linley, the younger (Violin Sonata in A); Stanley (Concerto in C minor, Op 10 No 4); J.C. Bach (Quintet in D for flute, oboe, violin, cello and keyboard, Op 22 No 1)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Bartók (Dance Suite); Lutoslawski (Partita); Kodály (Dances of Marosszek); Szymanowski (Mythes for violin and piano); Delius (An Arabesque); Schoenberg (Phantasy for violin and piano, Op 47); Langgaard (Symphony No 5, Nature of the Steppe)
12.00 French Impressions: Richard Langham Smith presents the first of four programmes of French orchestral music leading up to the impressionists (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester, live from the Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House. Stephen Varcoe, baritone, Peter Seymour, fortepiano, perform Schubert (Drei Gesänge von Metastasio, D902; Dass sie hier gewesen, D775; Lied des gefangenen Jägers, D843; Die Erwartung, D159; Des Sängers Habe, D832; Totengräberweise D869; Das Zügenglöcklein, D871, Bei dir Allein, D866; Am Fenster, D878, über Wildemann, D884)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra under Adrian Brown performs Schnittke (Kein Sommernachtstraum); Khachaturian (Violin Concerto: Janice Watson). Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)
3.45 Chopin and Albéniz: Anthony Goldstone, piano, plays Chopin (Variations on La ci darem la mano), Albéniz (Iberia, Book 2) (r)
4.30 A Caribbean Festival: Sef Townsend introduces highlights from a four-day festival held last summer at Orleans House on the Thames at Twickenham
5.00 In Tune: Music and news with Richard Baker, whose guest is the pianist Barry Douglas
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Live from the Festival Hall, London, Mark Wigglesworth conducts Debussy (La Mer); Messiaen (Oiseaux exotiques: Yvonne Loriod, piano). **8.15** A Hidden Agenda. Gerard McBurney discovers a coded message of resistance to Stalinist tyranny in the finale of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony. **8.35** Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)
9.30 Hits of the Twenties: Elizabeth Mansfield introduces Marie Lloyd and Marie Lloyd Jr performing "Don't Dilly Dally on the Way"
9.50 Cello and Piano: In a recital given at last year's North Wales Music Festival, Lowri Blake and Caroline Palmer perform Schumann (Fünf Stücke im Volkston, Op 102); Webern (Three Little Pieces, Op 11); Pwyll ap Sion (Inventio); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in A, Op 69)
10.45 An Age of Experiment: British Novelists of the 1920s.
● CHOICE: Professor John Carey, of Merton College, and the novelist Michele Roberts reassess V.S. Pritchett's judgments on British novelists of the 1920s, which were delivered in a 1951 broadcast. Carey and Roberts are skilfully discouraged by chairman Paul Bailey from simply returning thumbs-up or thumbs-down verdicts. None the less, Carey takes issue with Pritchett more frequently than Roberts does, particularly over D.H. Lawrence. Pritchett's masculine bias, mentioned by Roberts, is illustrated by his personification of all the 1920s writers as "he"
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney talks to Melinda Maxwell and introduces music by Stockhausen, Maderna, Lavista, Maxwell and Woolrich
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Sue Rose **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the cabinet secretary Sir Robin Butler (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; *Hindsight (FM only)*
● CHOICE: It is the end of term for Christopher Andrew's easy-to-digest course of history lessons. They might not have been of much use in helping students to pass exams, but they have filled half an hour most entertainingly on Friday mornings. Today's edition touches on the power of advertising and romantic myths about the past. But it takes wing, literally, only when discussing the ravens at the Tower of London. One of them, an escapee and television aerial vandal, was dishonourably discharged for behaviour unbecoming a royal bird
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only), by the 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich. Hannah Gordon reads the seventh of 12 episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the comedy writer Carla Lane; reports on women who live in rural communities and are the victims of domestic violence; compares cookery in the nineties' recession with that of the thirties; and looks at bilingualism. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme samples herbal, decaffeinated and instant teas **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Persuasion. Juliet Stevenson stars in an adaptation of Jane Austen's classic story of manners and mores (r)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: The American author Armistead Maupin, who wrote the *Tales of the City* series, talks to Nigel Forde
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews an exhibition by contemporary disabled artists at Stoke City Art Gallery; talks to Alan Bleasdale about his new play, *On the Ledge*; and listens to the blues guitarist Buddy Guy
4.45 Short Story: The Game, by A.L. Barker. Read by Stephan Tompkinson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Transport news with Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Grimsby, Humberside, by Peter Luff, director of the European Movement; Sir Charles Powell, businessman and former adviser to Margaret Thatcher; Mary Tuck, chairwoman of Victim Support; and Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The Theatre is My Country Now. Paul Allen visits the National Theatre of Subotica in north Serbia (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Max Easterman
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of the Tambourine, by Jane Gardam. Read by Dorothy Tutin (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Nigel Cassidy
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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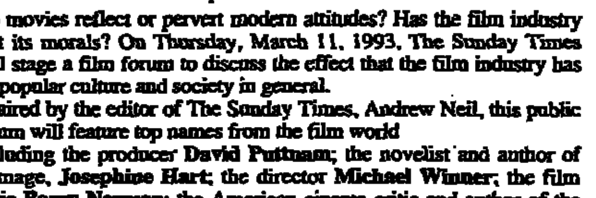
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Do movies reflect or pervert modern attitudes? Has the film industry lost its morals? On Thursday, March 11, 1993, The Sunday Times will stage a film forum to discuss the effect that the film industry has on popular culture and society in general.
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Moore's death casts shadow

Spurs pull out of dispute over Barmby

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TOTTENHAM Hotspur cited the death of Bobby Moore as its reason for withdrawing yesterday from its dispute with the Football Association over the release of Nick Barmby for the world youth championships.

Tottenham cancelled a news conference at which it was expected to continue its challenge to the FA, and instead issued a statement through Terry Venables, the club's chief executive.

"The boy goes to Australia," Venables said. "It is not appropriate to expand on the matter in the light of yesterday's sad news relating to Bobby Moore."

Tottenham clearly believe that it would be wrong to continue the conflict when the sport is in mourning. However, it is thought that the club had taken legal advice about any possible penalties that could have been imposed by the FA if it had refused to allow the 19 year-old forward to go to Australia. The punishment may have included a fine, deduction of Premier League points and even explusion from the FA Cup next season.

Tottenham was only one of several clubs, which did not want to release players for the tournament from March 5 to 20, but it has been the most vociferous because Barmby is such an important first-team player.

Venables wanted him to be available for the FA Cup quarter-final against Manchester City at Maine Road, arguing that the governing body had put a youth tournament in front of its own competition. Venables said: "I believe it is in Nicky Barmby's best interests to carry on playing for us rather than travelling to Australia."

Last August the FA contacted clubs with players in the provisional squad of 28. It has also argued that young players must be observed in international tournaments to assess their potential.

England has been criticised in the past by other countries for qualifying for the tournament with one team and then fielding a different one in the competition itself.

The tributes to Moore continued to flow in yesterday, including a private one to his family from the Queen, who presented the trophy when England won the 1966 World Cup at Wembley.

The FA were considering a number of options of how to commemorate Moore, who died from cancer of the liver on Wednesday.

Graham Kelly, the FA Chief Executive, said: "We would want to speak to Bobby's family before we began planning anything. I have heard a number of ideas put forward for tributes, but it is a bit early to be talking about this. Undoubtedly we would be doing something to mark this sad occasion."

One suggestion is that Wembley might stage a memorial match featuring outstanding contemporaries of Moore, who won 108 caps between 1962 and 1973. Franz Beckenbauer, of Germany, has already agreed to the suggestion and Pele is being approached.

Sir Brian Wolfson, the Wembley chairman, said: "Wembley is committed to whatever the family thinks appropriate. We would be honoured to stage such a tribute if the family wanted us to."

At West Ham, the club Moore captained to victories in the FA Cup in 1964 and European Cup-Winners Cup in 1965, there are plans for a memorial service at the ground. Peter Storrie, the club's managing director, said: "This would seem appropriate, but we will not make a definite decision until we have spoken to Bobby's wife and family."

Stephenie, Moore's second wife, said that the family wanted all donations to go to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh.

A further tribute to him came yesterday from Clive Thomas, the World Cup referee. "I was fortunate enough to have refereed matches involving Bobby Moore and not once did I have to speak to him about his conduct on the field of play," he said.

"On the contrary, if there was any player on his team who I thought was doing something wrong, I would tell Bobby and he would have a word with him.

"Only once did we disagree. It was before the start of a match when he was playing for Fulham. Bobby always knew I asked the captain to pick up the coin after I had spun it before the kick-off. On this occasion he said: 'I am not picking it up. However, if I do not, you will book me, won't you Clive?' It was his bit of fun and typical of the man."

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David Miller, page 36

Fears of doping return to racing

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

FEARS of a doping ring returned to racing yesterday following confirmation that a horse was doped last summer. Almost as worrying for the Jockey Club, was the admission by police that even if the culprit were found the law makes a successful prosecution "almost impossible."

Flash Of Straw, a three-year-old of moderate ability, was backed from 25-1 to 4-1 favourite before running in the HMS Cromer handicap at Yarmouth on August 20. The Geoff Lewis-trained gelding was outpaced over the straight mile and trailed in sixth, nine lengths behind the winner.

A post-race urine test showed the horse had been doped. The formal admission by the Jockey Club yesterday came days after it was forced to confirm that Her Honour had a prohibited substance in her system when running badly when favourite at Kempton last month.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, said: "The decision not to reveal this information was part of a deliberate and carefully considered policy to allow the Jockey Club security department and the police to follow up leads and carry out their enquiries without the glare of publicity. This is the only confirmed case of doping in which an enquiry is being conducted at the moment."

Beside the inadvisability of not informing other trainers — and punters — that a doper was at work, the Jockey Club policy appears to have backfired as Surrey police are no nearer finding the person who nobbled Flash Of Straw.

The Jockey Club is now likely to come in for bitter criticism — much of it deserved — for its handling of the latest doping scandal. Until this week Pipe and his colleagues have gone out of their way to play down persistent rumours about horses being nobbled, despite having evidence which justified the racecourse whispers.

Insp Christopher Drew, of Surrey police, said the drug used on Flash Of Straw was not given near the time of the race but was administered some time beforehand. Although the investigation, led by Det Insp Jock Erskine, has several enquiries to follow and people to interview the chances of a prosecution are regarded as remote.

A successful prosecution would involve proving that the accused stood to gain directly from the application of a drug to a horse. Lewis, who joined in with the gamble on his horse, had not given Flash Of Straw's failure in the Yarmouth race a second thought. "I could not see why anyone would want to take so much interest him. He's never been a star." The gamble had developed because Flash Of Straw had conditions in his favour.

Flash Of Straw ran 13 times for Lewis last season without success before being sold at the Ascot November sales for 6,200 guineas. Now trained by John Akehurst in Lambourn, the horse has run four more times on the all-weather and is still seeking a first win.

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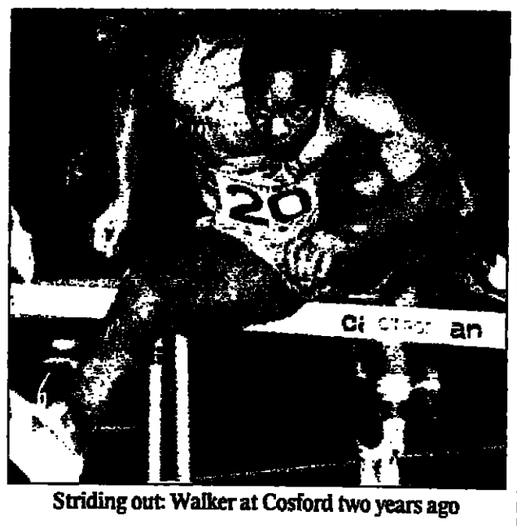


Pleased as punch: Walker after learning of his selection for Wales yesterday

NIGEL Walker joined an increasingly rare breed in these days of specialisation when he was selected yesterday to play for Wales against Ireland on March 6 in rugby union's five nations' championship (David Hands writes). He will become a dual international, adding rugby honours to his international athletics vests.

The Cardiff wing three-quarter, a development officer for the Sports Council, will also be one of the few Olympians to have played international rugby: Walker, 29, took part in the 110 metre hurdles in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and has contested two Commonwealth Games, those of 1986 and 1990, in Welsh colours.

He has a best time for the 100 metres sprint of 10.38sec.



Striding out: Walker at Cosford two years ago

Hammam warns of split over FA fine on Jones

SAM Hammam, the owner of Wimbledon, told the Football Association that it was in danger of precipitating a split with the clubs of the Premier League yesterday after the record £20,000 fine imposed on Vinnie Jones for bringing the game into disrepute was upheld.

"The FA have abused their power and that's how revolutions start," Hammam said. "Are Premier League clubs going to accept fines of this size? The FA have made a serious error and could now face a major club revolution."

The fine and a six-month ban, suspended for three years, which were meted out in response to Jones's commentary on a video glorifying football violence and dirty tricks, were confirmed by the FA appeal board after a hearing in London. Jones, who accepted his guilt but appealed against the severity of the punishment, will be a further £250 out of pocket as the board ruled that he must pay the costs of the hearing — and forfeit his £50 appeal fee.

"It is no surprise to me that the FA did not change their minds," Jones said. "But I have learnt a lesson and I will pay up tomorrow, although I'll be shaking when I sign the cheque. I was badly advised and I'd warn any player to beware of agents."

Jones was represented at the appeal by Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association. He argued that the severity of punishment was out of step with FA policy to ensure players do not gain from misdemeanours.

When Paul McGrath, of Aston Villa, was found guilty of misconduct by criticising his former club, Manchester United, in a newspaper article, he was was given a fine to match the fee he received — £8,500. The fine Jones must pay is more than three times greater than the previous highest given to an individual.

"Vinnie has accepted his guilt but we feel that for the FA courts to be credible they need to be in line with the law courts," Taylor said. "Vinnie has got to live with his reputation, which goes before him.

"He has lost out because he has been given a bad name. It is difficult to understand why the fine was ten times what he earned from the video."

Eagles help Smyth rise to the top

DES Smyth, of Ireland, collected two eagles to score an unblemished five-under-par 67 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Turespana Masters golf tournament in Chiclana, Spain.

After securing a birdie on the par-five 3rd hole, Smyth holed a 45ft bunker shot for an eagle on the 526yd 8th. Smyth, 40, who last year had his worst season on the European Tour in more than a decade, then sank a 40ft putt for another eagle on the 512yd 11th.

Miguel Angel Martin, of Spain, overcame an elbow injury and shot a 68 to share second place with Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, and Anders Gillner, of Sweden, over the 7,019yd Novo Sancti Petro course.

Steven Richardson, of England, Joakim Haeggman, of Sweden, and Ian Palmer, of South Africa, were two shots off the pace.

Seve Ballesteros, who designed the course, took a triple bogey on his first hole — the par four 10th — and finished with a 77.

"They say life begins at 40," said Smyth, the winner of six European events — but none in nearly five years. "I've been in the doldrums, and I've been looking for something for a long time. I've made a few swing changes, so maybe I've found it," he said.

Smyth pointed to his twelfth-place finish in last week's Moroccan Open as his best showing in two years and said it may have helped his confidence.

Martin said he woke up yesterday with a severe pain in his left elbow, diagnosed later as tennis elbow. "It's something that's never bothered me before," Martin, the 1992 French Open champion, said. "I took some laser treatments... I think if anything [the injury] helped my concentration."

FIRST-ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: D Smyth. 68: M A Martin (Sp), A Gillner (Swe), E Romero (Arg). 69: S Richardson, J Haeggman (Swe), I Palmer (SA). 70: P Fulke (Swe), M Gates, A Garrido (Sp), B Langer (Ger), J Rozadilla (Sp), P Way, A Oldcorn, G Orr. 71: D Mijovic (Can), J Rivero (Sp), J Olazabal (Sp), E O'Connell, P Mayo, R Bernhorst (Ger), W Westner (SA). 72: G Turner (NZ), M Suneeson (Swe), C Moody, C Montgomerie, M Jiménez (Sp), M Ames (Trinidad), M Besancenay (Fr), R Rafferty, G Levenson (SA), S Rey (Switz), V Fernandez (Arg), J Payne. 73: P Mitchell, J Cocares (Arg), B Marchbank, G J Brand, J Hobday, D Ray, O Sellberg (Swe), M Mackenzie, J M Carltreras (Sp), M Moukand, S Little, T Pernice (US), I Geneas (Sp).

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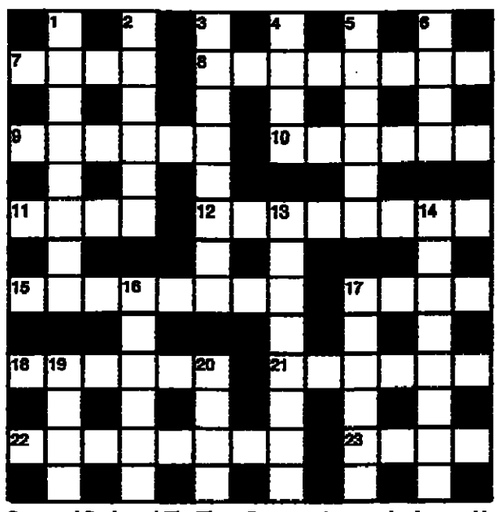
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17 Dash (4)
18 Sweet child (6)
21 Green woodpecker (6)
22 Any moment now (4,4)
23 Ice cream shell (4)

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2 Spatter (6)
3 Decisive score (8)
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5 Fine strand (6)
6 European mountain range (4)
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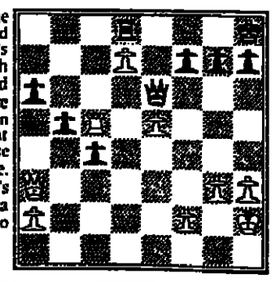


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WINNING MOVE

This position is from the game Alekhine — Nestor, Trinidad 1939. Later this year Britain's Nigel Short will compete with Gary Kasparov for the world chess title. Kasparov's aggressive style of play has often been compared to that of the great Alexander Alekhine, whose games he studied as a boy. Here, Alekhine exploited his opponent's weakness on the back rank with a superb combination. Can you do as well? *(Raymond Keene)*



Solution on page 36.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

WIDOW
a. A fag-master at Eton
b. The female Peregrine
c. A short line

COUPE
a. A whisky tumbler
b. A felling of trees
c. A female crew-cut

JELUTONG
a. A Shanghai gang
b. A rubbery tree
c. An Indonesian language

PEDAL
a. Being carried piggy-back
b. An organ stop
c. A sort of straw

Answers on page 36

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